Niagara Falls, U. C. 29 June 1836

My Dear Doctor, Thus far I have proceeded safely on my Journey, the wretched roads to the Contrary notwithstanding. The incessant rains have deluged the Country & the water stands upon the surface of the Clay in these parts, so as to render Walking perfect misery. You have seen this Magnificent Cataract so that I am spared the necessity of wearying you with my Version of the oft-told Tale. I therefore proceed at once to Botany in General, & Carices in particular. The Weather has been such, since I left Ny., as to preclude the possibility of my doing much, & indeed I only marvel that I have done any thing at all. I devoted a whole day at Auburn (during only a part of which it rained) to the examination of my locality for C. Careyana. I found it in great Abundance in the old Spot, but I fear that the "Improvements" have devoted the lovely little Wood to entire destruction in the course of another year. Already has the sound of the impious Axe reverberated thro' the "Solitude of the Sacred Grove". Judge of my grief & indignation! when I saw a part of my Wood Chopped down & the brush piled in heaps to carry fire & desolation amongst the luxuriant and lovely Carices with which it abounds!! But I forbear the Subject, as the contemplation of it is too Terrible. C. Careyana is perfectly distinct from C. plantaginea, & from all other Specs. with which I am acquainted. It is unnecessary to contrast it specifically with any other than C. plantaginea with which, however, when once known, it will never be confounded. The Wood is very full of this latter Spec. also, but I never once stooped to it in error, nor indeed could such a mistake be made by any Botanist who had the 2 Specs. growing before him. C. plantaginea was, as I noticed it in 1832, at least a fortnight earlier than my plant. This Year all the Seeds had dropped, nor could I find a single

specimen of which the seeds had not fallen among the hundreds I examined – The more striking or popular characters are as follows – My plant has much longer & much narrower leaves, than C. plantaginea. The leaves are of a much darker green & smooth seven between the ribs, whereas in C. plantaginea the parenchyma is always loose & appears blistered, presenting inequalities on both surfaces. In C. plantaginea the leaves are acute, in my plant they taper by a long & gradual acumination – The bract on my plant is always green, long & foliaceous, being also sharply acuminate, & never even approaching the short, coloured, obtuser bract of C. plantaginea. I observe "nothing between" or any confounding of these uniform characters – In fact I could recognise the difference at some yards distance – My plant makes much larger tufts than C. plantaginea & is sometimes in dense clumps 2 feet across – The young shoots are very numerous in proportion to the flowering stems – This species is never exposed, but grows in the old leaves, (not in swamps) and in the shade of sprouting stumps & young brush wood – I think the seed is also somewhat different from C. plantaginea but as I have already observed I was too late for that species which presented only the naked rachis. I took more than usual pains to get you a good set of my plant, and had you seen the specimens I believe you would have been well contented; but I find to my great disappointment, that all the seeds, in any degree of maturity, drop from the spikes in the process of drying. I firmly believe that this is not to be prevented by any care, in advanced specimens, & in a very young state the perigynium does not exhibit its characteristic form – I have preserved all the fruit & you must glue it upon the papers near the spikes which will answer every practical purpose tho' the beauty of the specimens is destroyed.

I have determined to visit your Spring as soon as you get this, & shall be there about the 2d of May if you will, as well as Dewey & you must be prepared to attend to the Carices.

You will at once see that they are not of the "Precedes Porter" order & I think you will give me credit for some pains tho' the result does not come up to my expectation – Mr. Dewey has 6 specimens from me, & has named some seed (or rather I did) at Rochester, where I hope the species may here after be found. – I found very little C. Hitchcockii as the wretched weather prevented my exploring far from home. I have got a few specs of Streptopus amplexifolius but they are too forward, being in seed, one however, shows the flower & this is destined for your Herbm. – This locality is also chopped & devoted to the fire this fall – I shabod! C. blanda Dew. which he considers the C. canadea. Mull. is certainly distinct from C. anceps, which it nevertheless strongly resembles – The long grassy leaves & some other particulars are very striking – I know & distinguish it readily growing – Prof. Dewey treats me with much kindness – I confess I cannot distinguish all his species – I strongly suspect his C. collecta is only C. nova anglia, but he says the latter is always bistigmatous. (?) Of the Scoparia group, I distinguish readily C. straminea, with the wide winged fruit, & Scoparia with the narrower, also perhaps from its general form (if constant) C. festucacea & C. muhlenbergii. C. cephalopodea & C. muricata are only distinct by the Prof. himself by the comparative length of the scale & its mucronate apex. I confess I am not satisfied here. Dewey's C. canadea is no doubt distinct enough – I do not remember to have seen your plant – I have never met with this growing – C. albicans var. setifera Dew. says is C. pauperculaMx. Dewey's C. tetanica with the blighted smutty fruit resembles exactly Schk's figure but seems to me very near C. oligocarpa. The specimens of C. altaica look a little (a very little) different from C. multiflora but I cannot discover a character. The Prof. says that they are readily distinguished when growing, even by young Botanists. By the bye he says you have lots of C. decomposita, which I never saw before – You had better look out this, or we shall scarcely meet in peace – I talked to Dew. about a natural arrangement of

Please give my duty to my dear Mother, & say that I am expecting daily her letter to this address, & shall then write to her immediately. Also I trouble you with my love to my Mother & kindest respects to Mr & Mrs Torrey. Dewey's C. flexuosa is no doubt distinct from C. sylvatica, the shape of the fruit being different. I have not met with either of them this trip, & indeed never saw the first growing. Drum Bracteatum grows at Carthage on the Wks. of the Quoppee. I have only room left to say Adieu! Yrs. very truly Jno Carey

Dr Asa Gray
Treasurer of Natural History
New York

Send to the Publisher of Gillman's Journal
Sell the Parts of Dewey's Carexography
from the Complete set, & send the
entire proceeds to me to make up a
Volume.

the Genus Carex. He liked the idea, & the next day told me he had been turning the matter in his mind & was convinced he could arrange them very satisfactorily & would do publish his next Catalogue. The weather is so constantly rainy that the air is humid to a great degree & I can neither dry my Specimens nor get my Papers. I shall remain here a few days but have no hopes of any sport in the melancholy aspect of affairs. I have not been lucky in coming across your Wants. It is impossible even to penetrate the Thickets, and as to approaching a Marsh or Swamp, it is impossible, for they are become Pools & Ponds.

Wy. 24 April 187

My Dear Doctor, When I last had the pleasure of seeing you I expressed a hope that I might be able to spend an afternoon with you very shortly; but in truth I now see so little prospect of it that I almost give up the expectation – Commercial distress is spreading far & wide & prostrating most who are directly or indirectly within its influence – My sole object in writing you just now is to send a very short list of your Grass Book plants, of which I should be much pleased to have a specimen – You will readily believe that I am thinking but little of Botany just now, but as you informed me that you were about packing up your duplicates, I conceive that now, or never, is the time to make my application – I hope you will give yourself no trouble in hunting for them, nor feel inclined to think that I measure my Exactions by the Standard of your liberality – Such, I hope, is not the Case, but inasmuch as I see little chance at present of botanizing for myself my resources will centre mainly in my own

Collection, which for that reason I look upon with more affection (if possible) than heretofore — My wants then are as follows

+ Andropogon Virginicum
+ Calamagrostis coarctata
  Mariscus ovularis
+ —— —— var. tenellus
+ Panicum verrucosum
+ Paspalum laeve
  Scirpus subterminalis
+ Scleria reticularis (laxa Torr.)
± Carex conoidea Schkr.
  —— pellita
+ Aira caespitosa
+ Muscetum palustre
+ Vilfa heterolepis —

Now, if you are as good a fellow as I think you are, you will not put this letter into your pocket & forget all about it, but keep it handy for reference, as you are examining your plants, that I may be the better for what you have to spare —

Yours Dr Gray
Yrs. with much regard
Jno Carey

Dr. A. Gray

Dr. A. Gray,

New York, 5 Novr. 1838.

My dear friend, I have had much pleasure in penning a few introductory letters, which I hand you, herewith, nothing doubting that those to whom they are addressed will have much pleasure in courteously welcoming you to my native land — I would have you, by all means, call on Mr Charlwood & either of the Dons will go with you to his house — He is a Seedsman, & a practical man, who has been once or twice in America — He is very fond of plants, & knows intimately all the nurserymen & growers of plants, & you will see the best collections in this manner — If my poor friend Christy be living, & improved in health, he is a gent. of leisure, & will devote himself to you I am convinced. In fact, you will have no sort of difficulty, in making your way amongst our Botanists — Mr. Bell is not much of a botanist, but he is a naturalist of a high order, & will introduce you wherever you desire — He is, moreover, an excellent fellow — Mr. Forster is a veteran Linnean Botanist, one of the oldest of the F. L. S. He is good authority for English Species & was the intimate friend of Sir James E. Smith — Mr. Stokes is principally a Geologist, but he is, or was, very intimate with Brown, & hence I wish you to know him — He is also constantly at Dr. Baotti' —

I trouble you with 100 francs, & beg you to buy for me in Paris, or Geneva, as many parts as may be published, of De Candolle's Prodromus, & also the 2 vols. of Michaux' Flora – The latter you will, no doubt, pick up at second hand, & I care not whether it is bound, or otherwise, but I should prefer having the Prodromus unbound, as I can then have the vols. matched, hereafter, if I should live until the work is completed – Sincerely wishing you every comfort & happiness, & the blessing & protection of a benign Providence, during your absence, from home, I am, My Dear Gray,

Your sincerely attached friend

Th Carey

Photo for
Portrait of the Barber

Dr. A. Gray

90 Pine Street, New York
23rd. May 1839.

To His Excellency
S. T. Mason —
Gov.r of the Ter. of Michigan
&c &c &c —

May it please your Excellency

About Six months since, I was informed by our mutual friend, Dr. Asa Gray, now in Europe, that the Board of Regents, of the University of Michigan, would probably remit to me, about the 1st. of June pro: the Sum of $1500, for his account, & which he requested me to forward to him in Sterling Bills of Exchange — Having heard nothing further, on the Subject, I take the liberty of addressing an Enquiry to you, with a view to ascertain whether the Amount, in question, will be remitted to me, for a/c. of Dr. Gray, or, if otherwise, that I may advise that gentleman, accordingly —

I have the honour to be
Sir, Yr. very obt. St.
Jno Carey

New York – 16 Augt. 1842 –

My dear Doctor

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 10th & send herewith, all my Nuttall Plants up to, & including Cynarea – I never saw Ptarmica wild or cultivated in Amer.a – I found Artemisia vulgaris very frequent in Franklin Coy Vt. particularly about Swanton, where it is most abundant, growing by the road sides to the height of 6 – 8 ft.! How is it that you did not get your Copy of the "American" until the 9th? Henry mailed it, himself, at Pine St. on the Evening of Publication – Your Pot of Asplenium shall have due care, & wait your orders – If you are likely to visit us next Month, you can take it on yourself – To-day, I have been examining the plants sent me, by Chapman, & there occur'd that Schœnus-looking thing which you may remember was sent to you by Short who received it also from Chapman – The Specimen he sends me is scarcely even in

If you have not got Schœnus gracilis in your herb. will Parker to find it for me from his Collec.n when he is rummaging among any thing –

flower, but having carefully looked it out I find that it is unquestionably a sp. of Chætospora Kbr. (as given by Kunth & very close to C. (Schœnus) nigricans, or (which I strongly suspect) that very species, of which I have no recollection, tho' it is an English plant. It will be droll enough if a native of Europe - the Caspian - & Northern Persia & perhaps the Cape G.H. should turn up in Florida - I suppose your herbarium is like a Midshipman's Chest "Every thing uppermost & nothing handy" but if, without trouble, you can send me a specimen of Schœnus nigricans you will oblige me - If you have it not to spare I shall return it honestly, but I wish to see how far they correspond, as I shall tell Chapman what I think about it. When you return my plants will be time enough, if you can bear the matter in mind so long - I trust you will enjoy your trip to the W. Mts. & lay in a stock of Solidago thyrsoidea, for which I should willingly be your debtor - I hope you will have the Company of Mr Oakes, on your tour, as he would, no doubt be a capital Companion & guide for that region - I have no news for you, Botanical or otherwise - I was in Wall St., last week, & was informed that every thing was in a most depressed & gloomy State. The recent dishonesty of the wealthy State of Penn.a has done, & is likely to do, still further damage to the general credit of the Country, which was bad enough before - I have heard nothing of our friend Torrey & you, probably, know more of his movements than I do - I rarely, or I might almost say never, go from home, & have done no botanizing for a long time - Do you want Sabbatia chloroides? I got some the last time I was at the Burham Swamps - I suppose Mr Browne is out of Town, for his Vacation, as I have not seen him since you left us - Brother Jam. & his family are still at J. Island, & will remain there, I suppose, thro' the month of September - I shall be very pleased to hear, by & by e, that you are likely to be comfortable, & in the mean time it is well that you do pretty well thus far - I did not expect that you would feel dung & at home, all at once, as you must need miss your friends & associates, more especially

the good Dr. F. & his family — I am glad you are beginning to work at the Flora, as it will amuse you, & expedite the publication — Two good things — I should certainly like well enough to say yes to your invitation to come & help you, but it may not be; for I really cannot afford it — I fear that you & I shall never work together again — Be this as it may, I remember the past with pleasure, & for the future must content myself with profiting by your printed labours, if I live to see another number issue from the Press — I give you 6 mos! from this time, to have it published. Say — middle of Feby — You must stir up the Doctor for his Sobeliaceæ & Campan.; if they are likely to be wanted for the next number — I almost hope they will not, as the Close of Compositæ, & the addenda & dropt stitches of that family, will close up the Vol. at a good point, unless you think of again joining 4 numbers — This certainly would make the Vols. more uniform, but the work must, in any case, occupy fully four volumes — I wish you well & happily thro' it, & hope, with Darlington, that it may be completed in my life-time — Truly Yrs. Mulaney

Buffo - 28 July 1843 -

My dear Doctor,

Your letter of the 25th reached me this morning, & the sight of your well known character at once recalled old times, & Botanical Association, before the arrival of the Sheets from Silliman, some hours subsequently - Accept my best thanks for all your care of my fame in the matter of the Phacelia, demands also my acknowgts. tho' to confess a truth, you have been more thoughtful for me, in the matter, than I should have been for myself. had the Mss. come into my hands - The whole article seems to be a very slip-slop affair, but will not injure the author, in my estimation - I should have been pleased to have met you in Nyk. tho' I should scarcely have enjoyed your Society, as I was very unwell during the whole of my visit - I was attacked with the influenza about 2 mos. ago, from which I have never thoroughly recover'd, & when in N.Y. I was laid up with remittent fever - I am, at this time, as weak as Infancy, often hardly able to walk, & my spirits, withal, exceedingly low - Under these

circumstances you will not be surprised to learn that I feel very lonely – I wish you much happiness in your projected Tour, but if Mr. S. be, as you report, so very energetic a man, I shall expect to hear that like the famed Kilkenny Cats – you've eat each other all up – But if he comes in any degree short of your measure of restlessness, you will doubtless "use him up" or kill him – I have never opened a Botan.l Bk. nor looked at a Specimen, (I have none with me) since I left Mg. & as I remember that you only valued men for their Botany, you will no doubt consider me, as I often do myself, good for nothing – Dr. Chapman wrote me from Southampton Mass. 4 June where he proposed passing the Summer – From Sartwell I had a lr. 1 ultо. He thinks he shall be at Niag.a & visit me here next Sept.r – This is the whole of my Botan.l news, & it is really too bad to mulct you in the sum of 25¢ for such a lr. which I should not, in Charity, feel disposed to do, were it not that your P.S. seems to contemplate my acknowl.g of your communication. Business here is very bad, & you rightly infer that I am not likely to remain long amongst this Community, but I will not trouble you, on the score of Maps, as without reference to my opinion of their general Efficacy, you may, at least, assure yourself that I should place no value on any which might emanate from your quarter, or the clique to which, I conceive, your "we" has reference – What my next move may be, or whether I shall move myself, or be carried hence, seems very doubtful, but if I only get strength enough for the undertaking, it is not improbable that I may take a look at the Western Country – If not – I shall, perhaps, run over to U. Can.a for a short time – What I hear of the state of Society in the Up. Prov. is very pleasing to me, but business prospects are discouraging there as elsewhere – I am glad to hear that you are preparing to attack Ericaceæ tho' my interest in the Flora is now rather a public than a personal one, feeling that I have less chance than even our friend Dr. Darlington of living to see it finished – Some day or other I suppose I may come across his Poly. Bot. which I am glad to learn he has published – I hear nothing from Macrae, & am wondering whether he has transferred his ponderous Correspond.ce from me to you – I believe there are no Bot.s here – I sometimes hear the ladies, at my boarding Ho. discoursing about their "Geraniums" but as I never say any thing, they have no idea of my botan.l talent – give my sincere regards to Torrey, who will always be dear to my recollections – If you think me worth powder & shot,

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** & I should be alive when you return from the South I should be pleased to hear of your proceedings, but you had better first get my address from Greenwich St. as, I am not likely to be here, if living. Give my kind respects to Mr. Oakes whom I am now never likely to see, & believe me,

With the kindest & most friendly wishes for your welfare & happiness, Yrs. truly Jno Carey

Prof. A. Gray
Harvard Univ.
Cambridge - Mass.

I should like one of Tuckerman's Lance papers, if you have plenty, & the list of the 150 plants which Geyer is offering to sell, to which you refer p. 227 Ill. Jour. They may be sent by mail, but not here unless within a fortnight or so.

Ans^d. 28th Augt.

10 Greenwich St. N.Y.
25 Augt. 1845.

Prof^r A. Gray —
Cambridge —

My Dear Doctor,

I have recently heard, with equal surprise & grief, that you have been at Nyk. without my having the pleasure of seeing you — The newspapers, which, without my knowledge, gave a notoriety to my afflictions, will have informed you, that during the night of the 18/19 July, amidst the din & alarm of the dreadful fire, I lost my poor dear Henry, & whilst attending his last hours, my own Residence, (where you called) fell a prey to the flames, & I lost every thing! My Herbarium — Books — Mss. &c. all are gone, & in my present desolation of heart, you can scarcely imagine how I miss them — I go no where, & see no one; & having, (as I believe I intimated the intention, when I had the pleasure of seeing you) resigned my engagement, in Wall Street, I am now thrown upon my own resources at a time of mental & corporeal prostration such as I never knew, or expected to experience — Indeed, Sam. has urged me to endeavour to take to the woods & wilds again, but (had I the heart)

I have no longer the Strength, as my Nervous System is so impaired by the excitement & trials of the past 2 years, that my Right Side is, at times, seriously affected – On the Morning of the fire, after having had the Body of my poor Dear Boy removed, & my Brother's wife & 4 Chil.n (he himself being unfortunately, at Glen Cove,) I was myself taken away by Dr. Beales in a Carr.ge & remained on the floor, for 4 hours! However, Dr. Beale said, in the Evg., that the Dangerous Symptoms (whatever they were) had passed away; but I am still unfit for every thing – I sent you an advert.t, which I put in the Papers, with a View to inform you of my loss, & I did the same to Dr. Torrey, (addressed to Princeton) but whether he is there, or not, I cannot tell, as I have neither seen, nor heard from, him since my departure for Buff.o 2 1/2 years ago! However, I trust he is well & happy, as he is one for whom I have ever cherished a very sincere Esteem & regard; & perhaps, when you write to, or see, him, you will take the trouble to communicate to him an account of my loss – I would write, myself, but, as I observed, I know not where he is; & it is, perhaps, hardly worth while to write for the mere purpose of recounting my woes –

By the merest accident, a handful of my Books were saved by my Landlady, in my Absence, & amongst them the (bound) 1st vol. of your Flora, & the 2nd part of the 2nd Vol – which will induce me to complete the work; & if, therefore, you have thick paper Copies of the 1st & 3d numbers, please send them to W. & Putnam, with whom I shall settle, but if none remain, in your hands, I shall buy of them the ordinary impressions – Whilst my poor dear Henry was at Madeira (from Oct.r to June) I found a resource in my Herb.m & observing that I had very many Canada localities to add to Hooker's Flora, I had my Copy, interleaved, & by great good luck it was at the Binders, & thus saved! However the project is, of course, at an End; & I find myself in possession of a small fragment of my Tool Chest, without wood to work upon – I have saved (that is to say, I have picked up, piece-meal, in different houses) Elliott – Mr. – Kunth & Nuttall – also my manuscr.t vol. of Cyperaceæ – Nuttl's Gram & Cat. – 3 or 4 vols. of Deland. (which were also at the Binder's) & some dozen, perhaps, of Miscell.s Books – I know nothing, whatever, of your Proceedings, but in the hope that you are successful & happy to the utmost extent of your wishes,

I am Yr. truly McClatchy

Paid.

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NEW-YORK
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UNITED STATES

Prof.r A. Gray
Harvard Un.y
Cambridge - Mass.

22 Bank Street. N. Y.
22 Sept.r/45.

My dear Doctor -

Your very kind letter should not have been so long unanswerd, had it not been for circumstances which have employed my time & thoughts since its receipt - I must first remark, since it is of the most concern to me - that I am utterly at a loss to comprehend how you should have "had reason to fear that whilst I was at Buffo. you had unwittingly given me offence" - Nothing was, at any time, further from my thoughts; tho' I freely confess that, after my return from the W. Indies, I was deeply pained that I neither saw nor heard from you, in the midst of my troubles - The equal, & total neglect of Dr. Forrey, was no less matter of surprise & concern to me - About the time of my leaving Ny. for Buffo. & during the bitter, unchristian persecution of my Sainted Arthur, I well knew that the most unwarranted liberties were taken with my name; & stories circulated in regard to me, which were contemptibly untrue - Tho' I knew all this, I disdained to notice, or contradict them; & without caring to enquire what you may have heard, I think it quite probable, that some malicious fabrication, with reference to yourself, was conveyed to you from quarters whence, I well know, the most base falsehoods have emanated in connection with my name - Be this as it may - I despise too much the Slanderers, & the Slander, to pursue the subject further - It is enough that I utterly disclaim any unkindness either of thought - word - or deed, so far as yourself or Dr. Forrey are concerned - I dismiss then this painful, & ungrateful subject, & proceed, with much pleasure, to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the kind & generous contents of your letter, before me - And first of the Book, with which I am much pleased,

& recognize great improvement both in the matter, & perspicuity of Style; nor do I believe that it required any "critical revision" at all. I am reading it, regularly, & shall, of course impart any thought which may strike me. I observe, incidentally, that unless you know the fact, I doubt whether "Gruyère" Cheese, is flavoured with Melilotus. The g. cheese is - but I always understood that the Gruy. was a simple goat's milk Cheese. None of my Herbm was saved! Not a single folio! I saw a Printer who was in my room when the heat burst open the Cabinet doors, & he told me that he regretted to see a Complete Copy of "Rees' Cyclopedia", which he took it to be, fall a prey to the flames. It would afford me much pleasure to accept your kind invitation, so warmly conveyed, but I hardly know what to say to it, at present. The offer of Duplicates, from your valuable Collections, is very tempting indeed, & I have been asking myself, ever since I received it, whether, indeed, I "have the heart to set about the formation of an Amer.n Herbm anew". Mr. Oakes accompanied a most kind letter, with an instalment of 50 Wt. Mtn. plants, telling me, at the same time, that I must begin again, & that he could & would send me the plants of N. Engl.d. From the Revd. M. A. Curtis, & Prof.r Dewey I have equally kind offers of assistance, but when I look back, to what I have lost, I feel as tho' it were idle to look forward with hope of doing any thing. How shall I ever again amass the plants of the Ky. Mts. - of Texas - of Florida - of N. W. Coast - Calif.a & U. Lower Can.a The retrospect & the prospect seem alike discouraging. To a person collecting, for the first time, every step is an advance, & gives courage, whereas to one who with infinite diffiaulty, & years of toil, has climbed a very high hill, to the bottom of which he suddenly tumbles, the efforts to climb again, gradually, & as high as inferior advantages permit, have not the same exciting influence; as the eye remains fixed upon the eminence once attained, & the intermediate steps of advance towards it, are passed over with restless impatience, whilst the impracticable height is unattained. Still, however, so strong is the passion with me, & so lonely my evening hours, that I am more than half inclined to apply to my old botanical friends for help, "in forma pauperis". Ten days ago a proposition was made to me to join a respected friend in establishing a business here, but I did not feel that I could in honour listen to his proposals without first consulting Dr. Beales as to what were the (human) probabilities of my recovering from my present prostrate Condition of body & mind. He assured me, that if I would put myself in his hands, he did not at all doubt, but that, with the blessing of God, I should recover the use of my (Right) limbs, & be capable as ever of managing a large business. This view, coinciding with that which my friend had already formed for himself, induced him to desire the Connexion, & I have, accordingly, concluded a Partnership for 7 years, from 1 Mar. next, as "Gen.l Comm.n & Importing Merchts." I know I shall not want your good wishes, at least, when we begin. Dr. Beale is giving me Bitters to restore the tone of my Stomach, & a preparation of Strychnine, for the nervous system. To this I add the use of a Cold Shower-bath, which pours 3 gals. of Croton, on my devoted head, the moment I rise from my bed every morning. I have removed, as you will note, by the date of my letter, up Town, where I live totally alone, taking my breakfast in my own Parlour, & dining at a Coffee house, down Town, as the Dr. wishes me to walk that distance every day (about 5 miles, down & up.) My present quarters will do well enough, for the winter, & when the new firm starts, I shall go down Town again, to be near my Office. Now then. Having laid my exact position before you, I want your advice, as to commencing a new Herbarium, with reference to the following points. The Duplicates & Contributions of a few kind friends will help me to some hundreds of plants, perhaps, during this Winter; but as I shall not, of course, have any leisure to collect for myself, what do you think would be the chance of procuring good Sets of Southern, Western & N. West.n plants, by

may of purchase, if, hereafter, I should find myself rich enough to make the outlay? At present, I frankly confess, that I am not, as heavy exp.s have drained my previously impoverished purse almost to exhaustion, which, since Dr. B. feels confident that my health may be restored, must now be replenished, by exertion, if it may so be. Some time since, I noticed in Sill. Jour. that 2 or 3 Bott. (amongst them Geyer) were collecting in the West (& amongst the Ky. Mts.?) Are they still doing so, & at what rate do they sell their plants? Is Dr. Chapman still in Flor.a? If not, are there any other good Collect.s there? What of Engelmann? Does he sell his plants? I want you to weigh these queries, for an hour or two, & to give me your opinion as to prospective chances of building up enough of an herbarium to interest me. Not such as I had before, of course, but types of most of our N. Am. Genera. If I begin again, I shall take a smaller size paper than before. What is your size? Do you like, for working purposes, that proposed by Lindley as the best — 10 3/4 X 16 1/2 in? I shall not, again, adopt the plan of fastening the specs by strips of paper, tho' I like it best on some accounts, as it would be far more tedious than gluing. As I suppose that you have recently done a great deal of this, in arranging your Herb.m, tell me what you find the best & shortest plan. Do you put each paper separately under a weight until the glue is dry? or how else ensure cohesion, the specs being for the most part unequal in surface? Again, I beg you to tell me what is the English mode of arrangement which you are adopting? This letter will seem to you frightful in its requirements, & the more so, since I must beg you to write me your views (leisure permitting

without any delay, as I shall guide myself, in good measure, by your opinion, as to recommencing a Collec^n, & am desirous of answering those friends who have spontaneously tendered me help. Mr. Curtis, particularly, is very kind, & says, "I have a large amt. of Dup^s & you shall be welcome to any in the Collec^n" & adds "There is not a Botanist in the Country who will not unite with me, & if you will give me permission I will confer with most of them on the Subject & procure their contributions towards restoring, as far as can be, your Herbarium" — However, I may determine as to this offer, it is, in itself far too kind, to remain unacknowledged, for any length of time — I am sorry to learn that my poor (personally unknown) friend, Mr. Lea, died about 12 Mos. since, & his Herb^m was all sent to Mr. Sullivant, between whom & myself, (I learn from his brother & C.) he hesitated; but determined on Mr. S. as the nearer of the two — Dr. Torrey kindly called upon me, in Green^d St. one Evening, shortly after the receipt of your letter; but unfortunately, being quite unwell, I had gone to bed — He sat with my Brother for an hour, & as I learn, also very kindly offered to help rebuild my Herb^m. I have not had the pleasure of seeing him myself, but I deeply regret what you tell me of his impaired health — I also hear, with much sorrow, that "Cares have multiplied upon you also, & that the grey hairs are multiplying on your head" — I had hoped that your present Position, & naturally buoyant Spirits, would have secured you more than the average amount of human happiness — One word more, & I have done — If you are of opinion, that, all Circumstances

considered, I have but a small chance of getting together a reasonably interesting Collect.n of N. Am. plants, do not hesitate to say so, as I have myself, very great doubts & misgivings on the Subject - & you need not fear disappointing me - If you conclude otherwise, I would enquire whether Your Dup.s are selected from your own Herb.m so as to admit of their being sent on here, by Express, piecemeal, so that I might select Spec.ns & write labels, & afterwards return to Bun the Bulk, & receive another parcel - If it is otherwise, I could only avail myself of your liberality by visiting you, as it would be quite out of the question to suppose you could devote the necessary time to make the Selection - Independently, however, of this consideration, it would afford me very much pleasure to visit you, for a week, but as it has now become a duty to my future partner, that I should "make a business" of the restoration of my health, & which I am accordingly doing, I am not, ~~[illegible]~~, certain whether Dr. B. would prefer my quitting my Shower-bath & medicines, for the sake of the gratification which this trip would afford me - I have not, however, consulted him on the Subject, at present, & shall postpone doing so, for a day or two, until I hear from You - Meantime, & begging you to weigh well my letter, & excuse its length, I am, very truly Yrs. Tho. Carey

Please address me, Care of Carey & Lea, Philad.a

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Prof.r A. Gray
Harvard Univ.
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Fine specimen of Algarobia in Panama to be [illegible]

Bank Street - 29 Octr/45.

Many thanks, my dear Doctor, for your very kind letter, which reached me yesterday, & for the friendly anxiety which prompted it - I sincerely sympathize with you, on the loss of your good father; a severe affliction, under any circumstances, & being the first breach, in a large family it is no doubt bitterly felt - To you, personally, having been so long weaned from home, it will be less afflictive than to those who constantly surrounded the paternal hearth. To them, & to Mrs Gray, the desolation of spirit will indeed be great; & may God grant them adequate support under the visitation - It is no small comfort to know that your father was well prepared for a sudden removal - Diseases of the heart appear to me as amongst the most awful; altho', on the other hand, there is, I believe, an exemption from suffering, which belongs to the more lingering complaints.

My silence was not attributable, thank God, to illness, as I have had no return of the nervous attack, & altho' it is very slowly, I still think that I am gaining ground - At the moment, I have a very severe cold, & I need not tell you how unpleasant that is, but I hope to be well of it before very long - I thought that the fine weather would prolong your two botanical jaunts, & hence I resolved to be in no hurry about writing - I will now proceed to one or two little matters, which I have to communicate, & first of the Russian Ships - The late Russ. Vice Consul, is a friend of mine, & to him I first

applied, & subsequently, to the acting Consul, & found that they exactly concurred in opinion – viz. that your Shipment should be made, from hence, either towards the close of March or first of april, which, allowing about 45 Days for the Passage, would bring the Vessel to St. Petersb. about the middle of May, which would be quite safe, beyond all reasonable Doubt – Mr. Khunardt, the Consul, told me that a better & much more rapid mode of Conveyce. wd. be to Ship the Boxes to Hamburg, & have them forwarded by Steamboat to Lubeck – But this, he said, wd. be much more expensive, & would besides require an acquaintance with a Hamburg house who would take the trouble of forwarding – I rejoice that your health is completely reestablished – Rely upon it, that it will not do for one like Yourself, to mew yourself up constantly in your Study – Exercise, of a strong kind, appears necessary for your well-being, & I should think your proposal to ride on horse-back, before breakfast, might answer an excellent purpose – What have you done with Andromeda thombalis? Do you know it? If not, still let it stand. It is a very distinct Species, & I only once received it, collected near the St. John's Flor.a by Ed. Doubleday – It is well known & described by Pers., as quoted by Elliott, who did not know the plant himself – The plant you grow as Rudbeck. alismaefolia is rough, almost scabrous, throughout, whereas it shd. be quite glabrous, as described in the Flora, & as I remember the Leavenworth Spec.ns were – How is this? I have just finished my arrangement of your Cyperaceæ, & altho, from the want of a Microscope (my own was burnt) I have not been able to settle all the Sp. of Eleach. & Rhynchosp. to my mind, yet I have the satisfaction of believing that you can now make your collections available when you wish, which before was totally out of the question – You never saw such mess & muddle in your life – all was in "in pi" – Grapes – Car. & all other Gymnaceous plants laid in heaps in the same sheets, in many instances – I will mention (merely for your own guidance) that I do not find your Lauci, except a few from Hale – I have been much surprised to see how you have neglected your own Collections! – Many very common things (or rather I would say what you, & I too, have often sent away), do not exist at all in your herb! or are perhaps represented by a shabby little bit – I remember, in particular, Carex aridа – Careyana (you have only one of my orig.l Spec.ns tho' I gave you 100, & have none from Ohio) Elliottii – Davycarpa & echinata &c.

If you have any Carices to work up in the plants of Lindheimer, this winter, I wish you to look at some Mem.a I have made – say in C. laxiflora, where there is, I suspect, a new Sp. from Hale, & also, a thing which Torrey calls in his Mon. Cyp. a B. of C. laxiflor. but I believe it distinct – It is a western plant, but your friend Knieskern sent it to you, for your opinion, & calls it a var. of C. anceps. If he so publishes it, in his "grap Book", he will, in the classic phrase of Sam. Weller "make an Egyp.n mummy of his-self" – If it is a sp., as I believe, I would rather you described it than our friend Ed. Luck. to whom it is no doubt sent in K's set of Carices – Please also refer to my remarks under C. gigantea a very queer thing from Texas – I suspect our friend Torrey made a mistake there – Also look at a parcel of things which I have put in C. tetanica, from Texas Hans.a – look also at what I have put in C. panicea. I incline to think that a plant which (speaking only from

recollec.n) I believe to be the C. canadea of your grass book, is either C. pauciflora, or C. meadii, if that be C. tenuiflora — Do not forget to send me Dewey's Bot. Mags. also, if you have it to spare, a copy of Torrey's acc. of Buckleya, & his report of the Fremont plants, which I have never seen — I remember also that I had a paper (or review) of your's containing some remarks upon the plants preferred by Cuscuta — & their apparent avoidance of Endogens — I wanted to refer to this a few days ago, but did not find it amongst what you kindly gave me when at Cambridge — I do not expect you even to look at any of these things, at present, but by & bye, when I send back your Glumaceae, I wish you to refer to what I have named, before working up any Carices for Lindh. as it will give you a good chance to make straight what may require it, without giving others a chance, hereafter — To-morrow, I mean to make my first effort with your Gramina, which, as yet, I have only taken out from the Cyp. — It will take me 2 or 3 days to sort them into genera — In the sheets of Hale & Wright, 6 or 8 plants (of all sorts) lie one upon the other! Hale makes fine species but if his general knowledge of plants, may be inferred from his acquaintance with the Glumaceae of his District, he is, indeed, a Prince of a Botanist! An absolute "Caution"! I beg my kind regards to your Brother, & have to thank him for forwarding a letter to me, which, at last, I received, after being opened by another John Carey here! Please be particular always to address your Lrs. "care of C. & C." or, (for the present) 22 Bank St., but I prefer their going to Pine St. as I get them earlier — Many thanks for your recollec.n of my "pigeon-hole", which, I well know, wants not be forgotten — Do not, however, trouble yourself about sending on anything, now that you are engaged upon your lectures — For the next 2 or 3 weeks, your grapes will amuse me sufficiently, & I shall then sort out my large gatherings, when at Cambridge, which, (except the drying plants, & the Lindheimers) have remained untouched up to this time —

Answd. 17th Feby.

N. Y. 12 Feby 1846.

My Dear Doctor,

I arrived at home the day before yesterday, after a very severe, & wearying journey of (in all) 1500 miles! I have made the length of the Province & can assure you that Winter travel, in the Canadas, is no joke – Always in open Carriages, often by night, it requires more strength than I have to "take it easy" – However, by God's blessing, I have escaped all injury, (tho' not upsets & accidents) & I think I am, in many respects, better than when I left home – However, I have a pull-back in the shape of a very severe Cold, caught in the lower Province, & which has fastened itself very uncomfortably on my lungs – Finding the Cough & irritation resisted warm baths &c. I have, at the instance of Dr. Beales, put on some leeches, last night, & am a prisoner (in Green.th Pa.) to-day – I have had for some week or two, slightly bloody expectorations, which being an ugly symptom, makes me more willing to submit to the annoyance of being Doctor'd – In a business point of view, I think my trip promises very well, if

peace continues - This, I remember, you have no fears about, tho' I must confess that, for myself, I see great cause for alarm. The speech of your Mr. Adams astonished me much, as I thought him the organ of the respectable Conservative party, tho' well knowing that he was always considered unfriendly, in his views, towards Gt. Britain - To turn, however, to pleasanter subjects - I find, on my return, very kind letters from Darlington - Dewey - Dr. Vasey & a J. F. Hatton - of Princeton - Darlington sends me a small package containing some Brochures, The Reliquiæ Baldw. & his valuable Flora Cest.a He hopes to get some of his younger friends to collect some plants for me, in the Spring - Dewey advises some Carices "enclosed" in his letter, (which came by mail) they have not yet turned up - Vasey has sent a package of his plants - not yet opened, & Hatton sends a list from which he desires me to select. Curtis' Box has arrived, but is not opened - This is all I have to report, of my botanic matters - I have not come across a single naturalist during my journey with my Partner - Mr. Thomson - And now, when you have time, write me a few lines, & say.

1 - What of your health?
2 - How went the lectures?
3 - What of "The Book" - Does Oakes help?
4 - What of another number of Flora? & when to appear?
5 - Will Lapham or Hale send me any plants?

& generally, what is your Botanic news? Has Hooker sent the Geyer plants? What of Lindheimer's new Collections? Did your Glumaceæ arrive safe? I have sometimes been fidgetty to know that they did so. I called, when at Buffo., to see your Lithog. Printer, but could not get at Prestel who resides in the Indian Reservation lands, 6 Miles from Buffo. & the Road being completely blocked up with Snow I could not get there - The Printers say, they get on as fast as they can with what he sends them, & any delay is only with him - They thought they had struck off about 200, but could not tell - They were airy able to shew me one - which had on it. Oakesia Hermaph. lanc. & another plant which I forget - The resemblances were good, but the writing very much in the "bloody Frenchman" style - Not to my taste - I mean to call on Torrey, tomorrow, if I am allowed to go out - My poor Brother has been very ill during my absence - Bleeding, from the Bronchia, & cupping & blistering necessary, by which he is reduced, tho' now again able to attend to business - I sometimes tremble at the prospect before myself, in view of his feeble Condition - Give my very kind regards to your Mother, believing me, Always truly Your Jno Lacey

I forgot to tell you that Barratt has sent, by mail, a set of his — Salix labels !!! — duly endorsed with his respects &c. &c. I really regret that I yielded to your suggestion in writing to him — It makes me "feel cheap" — May this man of 16,000 duplicates die in the full & undisturbed possession of his cherished treasures. I care not to deprive him of any of them, assuredly —
Send me a copy of your paper on Louisiana ochroleuc. &c.

Prof. A. Gray —
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Letter of Asa Gray completed Chas. Sprague Sargent, 2 Dec. 1879 concerning how and got some flowers or other for Arnoldum

My dear Doctor — New York, 8 June 1846.

I have now before me two of your esteemed letters, unanswered — viz. 19 Ulto. & 2d Inst. for both of which, & more especially for the box of plants, safely arrived, accept my best thanks — Before proceeding to Botany, I must tell you what I believe will concern, no less than surprise you, that on the 22d Ulto. I dissolved my recently formed Connection with Mr. F., by mutual Consent — I do not care to write more than that it was at my own desire, & we are now winding up our Affairs, & paying off what we owe — Thus I shall have lost time, & incurred a considerable Expe. to say nothing of anxiety — I am now again thrown on the world, rather poorer than before, & with (if possible) diminished hope & Energy for the future — It is remarkable that the blessing of GOD does not seem to attend any thing I attempt, but distresses & disappointments multiply on my head — A few weeks only, after I had made my arrangements with Mr. F. (before I went into Canda) I was most unexpectedly offer'd the Presidency of the Iron Coy. where my Son is employed, & which would have given me a very handsome Salry & a house, besides re-uniting me with my only Child. — This was strongly urged upon me, but I was bound in honour to Mr. F. & of course refused — Now, is it not remarkable that in the course of 15 yrs. that I have resided here, & during the whole of which time I could have accepted such an offer, none was ever made to me,

nor until after a few weeks ~~after~~ after I had engaged myself! Again, whilst I represented Mr. Halford, a most eligible proposition was made to me by one of our very first men, just at the precise time when his partner was in Eng.d & I, of course, tied up! Surely there is, & must be, a fatality about my doings, & indeed it seems as tho' a heavy curse rested on my head – At times, I expect to die a beggar, or in a ditch, very possibly – But not to trouble you more on this head, I recur to your letters before me, & to Botany, my only resource when I feel able to amuse myself at all – As my remarks will involve Qs. I shall set them forth in your way –

1. Geyer's Plants seem excellent – If I could afford it (which I cannot) I should like as full a set as I could get but I think Sam. might like some – Has Hooker any more, or does Engelmann have any for sale?

2. The "Coulter plants" please me exceedingly – Could a set be had, & of whom? Who is Harvey, does he sell or exchange his Plants, & how do you address him? Here again, I suspect Sam. would like to be a dealer, as I most certainly should if (as before)

3. I shall pay $10. to the "poor devil" when he calls – I object however to imputations on poverty –

4. I received 50 p. for Engelmann's packet which our porter deliv.d – The money is "at your credit" in &c.

5. You say the packet for Torrey, will be called for, what of those for Curtis & Lapham? The latter did send me some Plants, but not "a pretty large parcel" as he tells you, but that of course entire thing.

6. When at Boston, it was understood that I should send you all my dup.s for your foreign correspondents, & when your Box arrived I was labelling them accordingly – They are, of course, almost all from the Middle States, & varying in goodness, perhaps on an Ave.e (as to quality of Spec.s) with those last rec.d from you, but not such good Plants, as they have not the Southern or Western Spec.s in any number – How shall I send them? Will they be useful? Many of them I took from your house, & the others are from Vasey – Olney – Smith &c. with a few of my own & Dup.s which were at my Brothers –

7. Whose herb.m was that, on small papers, without localities, except a few in Md.?

8. Did you ever write Hale, on my behalf, he is a great maker of Spec.s & has good Plants – You may remember you told me to write him myself, which I did, but a word from you would do more than a Vol.e from me

I note what you say about Sullivant, but it seems to offer the greater reason to stir him up, as he may be more liberal with Phenog.s Plants, now that he "disdains" them

My health is very poor indeed, at times, tho' I believe if my spirits were better, it might also improve — of this there is little hope. I wrote Mr Oakes a ridiculous letter 2 or 3 weeks ago, to remind him about my Plants — From that I got (for the first time) the fruit of Mylocarium — & I cannot at present endorse your views expressed in the Flora, as to this plant & Cyrilla — Do you still say Vicaceæ? I say no. as to Mylocarium contains always, of course, with becoming submission —

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What is to be going to do with Fornestiera? Shall it not go somewhere near Oleinæ? What will you do with it? I hope you will try & get a Copy of Hooker's paper on the Geyer plants for me — I wish it much — I see the set run up to nearly 700! I have not spoken to my brother about these & the Cutter Sets, until I hear from you — Very truly yrs,

Kind regards to your Brother — Dr Carey

New York, 26 June 1846=

My Dear Doctor,

I devote early attention, as you desire, to your note of 23rd before me — I am putting up all any Dupt. for Dr. Harvey & unless he is rich in Am.n plants there must needs be things to suit him, as the lot is pretty large, & as I destroy the mere rubbish, it will not be amiss — I propose to consign them to Baring Bros. & Co. who, notwithstanding their immense Business, all over the world, probably never had just such a Consignment — I shall advise Dr. Harvey that they await his orders at Lpool — Have you any Stove with a puff.t moist heat to grow Epiphytes? I forget how this is — My younger Brother has just arrived here, with his wife, from Lafayette, & previously to his departure, thinking they wd. please us, he gave orders to have some of these Plants packed up & sent to us — Of course I need not say I would rather give them to you than any one else, if you can manage them —

let me know soon how this is, that on their arrival, I may "guide myself accordingly" — I return Bentham's Dr. with thanks — If Hartweg goes into California my Brother wd. like to subscribe for a full set of those Plants — in other words, plants embraced in your Flora — I should have been heartily glad to adopt your suggestion, but I am too poor now, & have given up all hopes as to the future — I have not yet determined as to going to Baltimore — The affair is not very promising — I note as to the Mare's-nest — I knew that the stemmed Drosera belonged to Austr.a but the fragment I sent you was closely attached to the earthy root of Geyer's Plant — This morning's mail brings me an (incomplete) revise of a review, (I suppose of yours) which I purpose reading this evening. — Have you a Copy of Fremont's Report with the Botany? Our friend Torrey informed me that by writing to one of the Mem.s of Cong. or Sen.e I could obtain one, & I incontinently addressed one of my Acquaint.ce there, who franked me a Copy — headed "Public Documents" Truly the "franking privil." is a finer thing in this Country than I imagined — I mention this that you may get a Copy, on like good terms, if you have it not already — Sam. will subscribe here for the Gen.l U.S., & if ever the Sun shines upon me again (which I do not expect) it is my hope & purpose to do so likewise — Having now said my say, such as it is, I only further trouble you with kind regards to Brother George

I am with sincere regard
Yrs. truly
Jno. C.

Prof. A. Gray &c.&c.

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Mass.tts

New York, 17 July 1846.

My dear Doctor –

As I am about to bind up a 2nd Vol. of "Miscellanea Botanica" you will oblige me if you can send me a perfect Copy of a paper which will reach you by today's Mail. If you have not one to spare, return the imperfect one, as it contains an Enumeration of Lycopodia by ——— —

This is the immediate purport of my letter (by the way, I wish also a paper of your own, on the subject of the preference of Cuscutineæ for particular plants – I wish you could hunt one up – I think it was a review, & as I remember, you combatted the idea that they only attached to dicotyledons, remarking that I had found a Cuscuta on Leersia &c.) –

I have not seen our valued friend Dr Torrey since he called, on his way to Boston – If he is still with you please tell him, with my kind regards, that I wish to see him on his way home – I have a couple of quiddities to talk about, in connection with the State Flora, if, as I hope, the Appendix be not entirely finished – I have not heard

from you respecting the Epiphytes, mentioned in my last, however there is no hurry, as they have not yet arrived — I had a letter from Oakes, dated from the White Mts. (3rd Inst. I think) — He sent me previously to leaving home, a small collection of his Plants, & in a Box, about half a dozen of Mosses & Lichens done up on fine white paper, in splendid style! These were only as a Sample, & the Box to keep them in — He kindly informs me that more will be forthcoming next Winter — I have given up the Batte. affair, as Torrey (to whom I explained the matter) may probably have told you — It was neither one thing nor t'other — The remuneration seemed to much for a poor devil to refuse, whilst it was not enough to make one comfortable — However, I have declined it, & am now again, "upon the Town" — I continue but very so-so, in the health way — I have a very steady & fixed (but not severe) pain in my right Breast & shoulder, & at times a tremendous fluttering which almost takes away my Breath — I have an undefined notion that my Liver may be deranged, Are these diagnos.? I do not think it worth while to consult Beals, nor do I take any Medcne — Indeed I have not done so, since I returned from Canada — Sam's family are all on Staten Isld, for the Summer, & my younger Brother & his wife, reside with them — I therefore am the only Carey, of our house, now in the City — My kind regards to your Brother, & believe me, truly Yrs.

Jno Carey

Prof. A Gray

If you have not time to write just now, send me on the papers I want, & if Torrey is still with you put on the corner of the wrapper (on the address side) T. if he has left you put X — & in fig. after it the day he left you. thus X6.

Darlington sent me some live roots of Salinum which I have planted in my Brother's garden — Do you want any? If so, tell some one visiting N. Y. to call upon me at No. 36 Greenwich St. & I will dig some up for you, with much satisfaction —

Prof.r A. Gray
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New York, 24 July 1846

My dear Doctor –

I thank you for your's of 18th which is only to hand – I presume you will receive the imperfect paper, as I mailed it with my letter – I was not aware that the Epiphytes, arrived on the day I wrote you, & Sam. sent them forward at once, by Hairsden, to avoid unnecessary delay – My brother Chas. says they were collected by the best hand they have at Valparaiso, & he hopes they will turn out worth having – There are, he is informed 60 plants, but I know not how many Spec.s nor (perhaps) did the Collector of them, himself – This morning I rec.d Engelmann's box, which I forward to your address by to-day's Boston Boat – after taking out what I am to send forward, & my own parcel – There were 17 packages in the box, for which I paid, pr. Express, $10, & divide thus – 17 – Packages
1 – for our friend Torrey, which we must frank –
leaving 16 – : 10 :: 11 : $6:87 – if my work be right, your 11 packages come to 6:87 to which add Cartage to Boston boat — 31
for you to collect – $7:18

My brother's set of Pl. Lindheimeri is No. 30
cont.g. 125 spec. chg.d at ——— $10, —
which he has paid to me, with his
share of carriage, & I remit same to you
for a/c. of Engelmann, whom I shall
to advise, say, your share of charges
on other side — ~~$3.18~~ — $1, — = 8.18,

remaining due to you, in my hands — 2.82
Expressly — to me

My brother says he shall be glad to subscribe
for a set of Rendler's Plants, which I see
are to be $10 Pr. 100 — I must wait awhile being too poor
Sam. also, thanks you for subscribing for
Hartweg's Californ.n Plants for him — I return
you Engelmann's letter, & further make you
a present of my share of the Box! & in
especial, of the nice herbarium paper, I
have put in to fill it up, & which came out
of my own bundle!! — My Spec.ns were 235
in number, rather so-so-ish — but beggars must
not be choosers — I have no further time to save
the post — Please advise receipt of the Box &
of the Epipophytes — Very truly Yr Dr Carey

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90 Amelia St. Nyk. -
19 Octr. - /46 -

My Dear Doctor

I am unwilling that you should forget me, or imagine that I cease to remember you, tho' my letter will contain nothing but an account of my further sorrows. I believe I mentioned to you, some time since, that my poor brother Sam: was again suffering severely with his old bronchial complaint which growing worse from time to time, laid him up with severe inflammatory symptoms, about a month since - & for nearly 3 weeks of the time to his bed - Altho' the extreme urgency of the case is left, at present, yet Dr. Beales says his lungs are still obstructed, & he greatly fears that tubercular matter has formed there - He is also suffering from dysentery, & is reduced to a fearful degree of weakness - You may well suppose how great is my anxiety, & with what distressing forebodings I look at his 4 young Children -

From the tenor of a letter from our valued friend Torrey, I looked to have seen you at Nyk. some 6 weeks ago, when he hinted counted upon visiting the City, but as did not see him, I presume he changed his purpose — with a view to lighten my Brother's Care, & his Partner's labours, I have tendered to them my temporary Assistance, at the Country Ho., & my time will therefore be fully occupied in Pine St. until the Lecture. — I feel by no means fit for business, but am anxious to do my possible — I find I pencilled the following Mem.ª on your last of 12 Augt —

Anemone cylind.ª Ag. does not belong to S. Anemonanthea DC. but to S. Anemonospermum, as Spec.ᵐ long ago from the North, a Spec.ᵐ in which one of the Ped.ˡ had the invol. & since the fire, another (I think from Vasey) moreover the habit belongs also to S. anemonospermum. This Mem. I meant if you chose to figure the plant & correct the matter in your illustrated Genera —

Croomia — Chapman has sent it to me, & says it is certainly endogenous — ?

Picradenia — seems to me clearly Helenia why did you omit the genus?

Lepsaria — Why omitted? Does it not belong to Barcanauth. near Baccharis

You sent me some plants collected by Holwell in M. T. gg. Mis. or Mich?

Did the imperfect paper ever reach you on Lycopodium? If so, return it unless you can give me a perfect one — also that wherein you wrote something on the preference of Cuticules for particular plants if you have one — I want to see it —

These are my Mem.ª if you have time to notice them, very well; if not, never mind, but believe me, tho' in much trouble of all sorts, Very truly Yrs. Jno Carey

Kind regards to brother George

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New York, Monday Eveng.
21 Decr. /46

My dear Doctor

Business of C. & Co. called me out of town on the 11th Novr. & only returned a week ago - I have been stopping at the Mount. Savage Iron Works, in Md. where my Son is the "Superintendant of the Rolling-Mill" - His Company was a pleasure to me, the only one I enjoyed; as the business I went upon was of an anxious nature, & for the rest, I have no taste for the noise of Steam Engines, Blast Furnaces &c. &c. with their attendant Dirt, from Morning till Night. I am happy to say that I find my brother better, & able to attend to his business, moderately - He is now under the Care of a certain Dr. Greene who is treating bronchial Complaints after a new, or as some say, a very old Manner - viz: by introducing a strong Solution of Nitrate of Silver within the larynx! Strange to say, that after the spasmodic resistance of the Epiglottis is overcome, this application within the trachea produces no irritation whatever! at least in my brother's Case -

Dr. Greene is creating quite a sensation here. His friends & supporters, amongst whom I am told ranks Dr. Mott, speak very highly of him, whilst others, & a portion of the public press, revile him as a quack, I understand. However Dr. Beales says he is a regularly educated Physician. Still, the old hands do not like their former theory concerning the windpipe to be demolished, & are unwilling to believe that his probang really penetrates into it. Upon the whole Dr. G. realizes the old classic line – "Laudatur ab his, culpatur ab illis". – I find at home a Box from Mr. Curtis, containing, amongst others, a Package for you. Please say what I shall do with it? There is also one for Mr. Oakes respecting which I am about to write him. – I also find your Chlorois & accompanying Note, for which I beg my very best thanks. It is really beautiful! got up in a style far beyond what I had expected. Of the letter press I have read only the critical paper on Oakesia, but I promise myself much pleasure in studying over the whole. I have also got Sullivant's paper. Am I indebted to your kindness or to his for the Copy? It is also very nicely got up, indeed. Where is this "Amer. Acad. of Arts & Scienc." – They are publishing their Memoirs in a lordly style for this Country. I hope they have plenty of funds & will be able to go on the same way. – "Esto perpetua" I truly say.

I am sorry for what you say about Sullivant's box, I heartily hope it will not be lost. Remember that I am to bear a rateable proportion of the freight. I meant to have offer'd you to have the Box sent to me, & I would have sorted out the Plants for you, retaining only such Spec. for myself as I actually wanted. This would have saved you time, & prevented your sending me Plants which I have got already, but I suppose it would now be too late to make such arrangement. I do not think the fragment of Baccharis you send looks like that I have from Key West, but I will examine by Day-light & report hereafter. I have seen our valued friend Torrey for a few minutes since my return. He says Chapman's new Shrub is "quite distinct" from Combretaceæ, & is "a queer thing". Some of the fls. in his Spec. are hermaphrodite. Mine were, I thought all female. I mean to have a dig at it with Sam's Microscope. It is now nearly bed-time, so I shall only add my Regards for brother George, & am very truly Yrs.

Jno Carey

Darlington has sent me a box of things given to him for me by Mr. Torrey, but "Ehen!" They are literally eaten up by the worms. They were collected some 15 to 18 yrs. since!

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22 DEC 5 CTS

Is there any Bot. of Kirwan subsequent to IV. which contains a Asphodelus?

Wedy Night – 13 Jan.y 1.47

My Dear Doctor

So long ago as the 22nd Ultto. I wrote you a letter stating that I had then recently returned from a 5 weeks Visit to Mt. Savage Iron Works, in Md. where I had been on business of C. & Co. I now quite forget the contents of my long gossipping letter, nor perhaps are you thereby any loser, but there was one point that you would have noticed, ere this, & I therefore feel convinced that my letter must have miscarried – In a Box from Mr. Curtis, which I found on my arrival at home, there were Packages for yourself, & for Mr. Oakes, whom I wrote on the same day, enquiring how I should forward them, but from neither of you do I hear any thing in reply. If I find that your letter failed to reach you, I shall again address Mr. Oakes, on the Subject – I have to thank your kind & friendly remembrance for two papers which reached me recently – one of Brown & Engelmann, & the other your own, on some new Composita – By the way, your Envelope was marked for this last "1/2 Oz" – whereas my paper had only 4 pages! leaving off with Agapiza – Was it complete? I observe in your last Notice of Hook. Jour. Bot. You say that Geyer's Notes on the Veg.n of Miss. & Oregon are complete. Is this the paper explanatory of the Numbers of the Plants in Geyer's late Sets, of which you & I divided one? If so, shall you have separate Copies of the Paper, & if not will you lend me your Copies for a few days to make out

my plants — They might be sent by Hardinden safely — In the letter to which I have referred, I thanked you heartily for your very beautiful present of your Chloris, & Sullivant's mosses — I admire both exceedingly, but more especially the former. By the way, Olney sent me last week, a plant, new to me, which he calls Vaccinium hirtellum, Mit. & it seems indeed to agree with the Char. given by Dunal in DC. Prod. I have not yet had time to soak out & dissect a Berry, but it appears to me to be another Gaylussacia! Is that so? You do not allude to it in the enumeration in the Chloris — So might I have been sorting out some Legum.ᵉ sent me by Sartwell, & I have noted by chance two quiddities, which I submit to you.

Cassia obtusifolia. L. Sp. Pl. I have fine large Spec.ᵐˢ from Hale & Chapman, & smaller ones from Texas (Lugelᵐ) & S. C. (Curtis) & Alᵃ (Buckley) — Now in every one of these the gland is single on the last pair of leaflets, & hence they are all C. humilis of Colladdon, who refers his plant to the Caribᵃ Isl.ˢ & Carolina, whereas the C. obtusifolia L. is only referred to Cuba & Jam.ᵃ May it not be another plant, & all our forms C. humilis?

Schrankia. I have now, for the first time, got fruit of both species, & find them as described in the Flora but exactly reversing the species!! i.e. I have from Dr. Torrey one of Fremont's (Platte) Spec.ᵐ with the clearly reticulated leaves, which should be S. uncinata, in that respect, while it has the long attenuate legumes, subulate-attenuate at the apex & scattered prickles of your S. angustata — whereas I have from Alᵃ (Buckley) the S. angustata, as to the leaves, with the short, densely echinate legumes, exactly as described in the Flora under S. uncinata — Look at your specimens & suspect I have described from loose, detached legumes, which ~~belong to the wrong~~ were placed with the wrong plants —

I have been endeavouring to make out, by DC. Prod. my spec.ˢ of Phlox, but cannot satisfy myself at all with them. I have seen many forms, but do not understand them well. When you study them, I pray you to remember my "pigeonhole" that I may have some authentic specimens to guide me as to 2 or 3 species — Where you cannot do better, a mere flower & leaf will be very acceptable — Also pray recollect some pieces of those half dozen difficult Vaccinia, if you can satisfy yourself with them — What do you say to Azalea glauca? I see no Char.ˢ tho' DC. keeps it up — Have you got to Olinia? If so, what of Fraxinus pubescens? which DC. also retains, tho' his own Character does not, in any respect, that I can see, remove it from F. americ.ᵃ Mr. Olney writes that he saw you recently, & that you were well & cheerful as ever, at which I rejoice, & hope that the Flora may be making some head-way — I have not seen our good Torrey more than once since my return from Ind. when I called upon him for a few minutes at the College — Sam. continues to attend to business — In my last I mentioned that he is now under a certain Dr. Greene, who introduces a strong solution of Nitrate of Silver within the larynx! Sam. has certainly found benefit from his treatment — For myself, I am thank God in tolerable health, but the world uses me shabbily enough — In other words, I am living on Midshipman's half pay, "Nothing a day, & to find myself" — Give my kind regards to Brother George, & write me a line, as to the disposition of your plants, replying, or not, to my queries herein, as time & inclination may suggest — Always yours truly

Is Sullivant's Box all safe?

Thoˢ Carey

Profᵣ A. Gray

I found my John well at the Iron Works, & I think he seems much respected there —

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NEW-YORK
14 JAN 1873

N. Yk. 4th March 1847.

My dear friend — The evening before last, I rec.d your very kind letter, & intended fully to have replied to it yesterday, but, in the morning I had to go out, & in the evg. neither body nor mind were adequate to writing — Your former letter reached me, in due course, & has never been forgotten for a single day, but I waited to see a gentleman to whom I was, in some sort, pledged to go to Engld. on business, & who, oddly enough, arrived in Town on the very morning that your last ~~came to~~ hand — The truth is that my necessities, rather than my inclination, induced me to listen to proposals for undertaking a pecuniary arrangement, in London, on behalf of a Corporation here; & had the matter been carried out as was proposed, I should have had to leave without delay — However, the last advices from England do not encourage any present attempts to raise money there, & hence the matter is indefinitely postponed, & I may, or may not be disposed to go hereafter — It would be but a temporary affair, at best, attended with more of anxiety than profit, & I should prefer a permanent engagement here, if I knew how or where to obtain one — One thing is clear that I must do something, & that shortly, & if I can get no living here, I must even try a second, much worse emigration — for to this land I brought property enough to live upon, whereas I shall leave it — a beggar! Not in debt, however, by God's blessing, & therefore with nothing on my (commercial) Conscience — But enough of this — & I only tell it you to explain what is passing thro' my mind, in view of my reduced circumstances & present position —

it was necessary to make some atonement for the "herbaceous" part of the letter

From a passage in your letter, (not the last) I have been rather expecting to see you, tho' that circumstance wd. not have so long delayed my reply, could I have felt certain as to my own movements – And now as to Carices & Salices for the Pocket Bot.y; I can only say that apart from the satisfaction I might derive from the work, in the Abstract it wd. be matter of great gratification to me to render you this small assistance, but I do not see that I am in a position to undertake the job – Since the fire, I have no longer the necessary books – I have Kunth, to be sure, but besides that he is very often wrong as to our species, his Char.s wd. not answer for a Synoptical work. as to Carex

Thanks to your Dup.s, & other large Contributions in this particular genus, I have now a good set of specimens, but not all that I ought. want, & especially not the (10 or a Doz.) new ones which Dew. & Kze. have been elaborating in the last few years – Nor could I get at the Char.s (from my books) of the old ones, in some instances, (particularly those of Dew.) which are spread over many numbers of Sill. Jour. & only referr'd to, numerically, in Torrey's Mon. Cyp. which I still have – As to Salix I am still worse off – I had a capital set of them, as I paid much attention to them, at B. Hall in old times, & used to mark the trees to be sure of the right leaves – Since the fire, I have rec.d very few indeed – scarcely any – Indeed, it wd. seem as tho' my contributors were all afraid of them – As to the Nomen. & Syn.y of the species, I relied very much on Barratt as Hook. has done in Flor. Bor. Am. tho' I never thought Barratt's authority of any value, beyond what resulted from his own personal observation – Well then, the sum is this, if I were nearer to you, so that I could look in upon you often for what I needed, I should undertake the Job with pleasure, upon every principle; but as I am situated, I fear I could neither do justice to it – to you – nor to myself – the last being the smallest consideration – As to your very kind proposal of my making you a visit, which I should prefer to every thing else, it is too costly for my purse, just now, to go backwards & forwards ($10 Wm. trip, the mere boat) & altho' I am entirely my own Man just now, yet it might not be wise to absent myself for a long time from the City, whilst I continue to cherish the hope (now a very slight one) of getting some Bread & cheese Engagement here – You see I make no account of quartering myself upon you, for the required time, as I well know that I should be welcome & other circumstances permitting, should be willing to act upon that persuasion – It is odd enough that only last week, I tried to find the pistillate fls. of Coeculus, being interested in the Structure – I have the plant from Fla. Chap. Ala. Buck. & N.C. Curt. but all I & my Brother has it from 2 other localities, but likewise staminate! From 3 places, we have not a female plant between us!! I have often noticed how much more rare the pistill.e plants of the allied menisperm.a are than the staminate – Indeed, of M. lyoni, I never even saw the ♀ fls. nor the fruit! – Strange to say in the midst of much anxiety, & but poor health (the consequence

of it) my love for our plants is greatly increased, & having now none dependent upon me, were my means as comfortable as heretofore, I should take intense pleasure in getting together a new Herb. & what books I need, at whatever cost – Indeed, tho' my position looks hopeless enough, I am not willing to abandon this last hold upon the comforts of life – I now & then have dreamy of ordering paper & Cabinets to be made &c. – May I have

If you want kind eye & hand to devote to much of your valuable time in copying for you the determination of the Oregon plants – there seems to be some capital thing accomplished to work over – "Louisiana" & "Texas" – Perhaps Brother Joseph will kindly copy the remainder of the name when all labels are ready – I shall be no trouble to the freight of a cases & have no charge of paid for the Herb. specimens as my orders suffice.

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even a plan in my head, as to the latter, which I meant to submit to you as guarding against fire! "A burnt child" I fear you will have too little time for your new Book but as Chapman recently wrote in regard to you "you are a prolific fellow" – I have within the past week got a sight of our friend Torrey's U.S. Fl. – I grieve to see (entre nous) that he has not done himself justice – What is the price of Emerson's Trees of Mass. of which you write such great things?

10 Greenwich St. 12 July/47
(Monday morne.)

My dear Fray,

The second day after my arrival in town had well nigh proved my last! I went out to the back balcony to fill my ink-stand, & just as I was coming back again, something struck the top of my head with a loud report, & knocked me down. The noise brought up the 2 servants who found me bleeding freely & the man immediately went for my brother & Dr. Beales. The wound was some 2-3 inches long, making a seam of about 7/8 to 1/4 inch deep in the skull, which it did not penetrate further, but glanced along - The great concussion caused me considerable pain, & some confusion, & Beales wd. not let me do any thing but lie down (not even read) for 2 days, during which time I was miserable enough in this lone house - However, thank God, all is now well, there is a seam in the bone, (I suppose always will be) but there is little soreness remaining - Beales said that the wound seemed too sharp for a grazing ball but of course we can no otherwise ~~th~~ account for the report which accompanied the injury, especially as no missile could be found - However, I persuade myself that if I was shot, it was by a chance ball, as I cannot think that any one seeks my life, nor indeed do I know that I have an enemy in the world - However ~~this~~ may have been, half an inch deeper must have killed me on the spot! The

houses at the back of Sam's house (which face on Washington St.) are of a very low grade, & contain an extremely squalid set of inhabitants, certainly, but why shd. they fire at me? I do not know one of them, even by sight. But conjecture is useless. I have great cause for thankfulness that the accidental (or malicious) ball was so mercifully directed — By Adams Express of this morning I send you the Mss. of the Salicaceæ. I am sorry to say that my own herb. throws no further light on the difficult places. I have specimens which would have influenced me in some cases to make alterations, but for the old trouble viz. I cannot depend upon the leaves assigned to the aments by the collectors. It may be that there are more species than 2 in the S. discolores, but of those 2 which I retain, not knowing what leaves really belong to them, I have little but the shape of the scale to rely upon, which I incline to fear is not a very reliable character — Barratt, in Wood's 2d Editn. has 5 species in this S. but after careful revision, I find no really contrasting char.s between them — like our friend Dewey's Carices, there are different words, of the same, or of indefinite signification. Torrey has only S. discolor, without any Synon.y or notice of the other species at all! so that I know not what may be his judgment concerning them, yet, if they really exist, they are all within his limits I suspect. Then again, he takes no notice whatever of the introduced species of S. fragilis, tho' I find I have from Sartwell what he calls S. decipiens, of which the leaves really look like it, but the aments are 5-and. & may, or may not belong to them. So far as my (small) personal knowledge goes, these species — S. frag. decip. Rudel. are 2-and. so says Kees Encyc. (Smith) Pursh, Koch &c. tho' they admit there are very rarely 3. But Barratt's specimens in Herb. S.F.C. have all got 5-and. aments (as you may remember) & it is remarkable that in Barratt's enum.n in Wood's book he does not give the number of the stamens in either of these 3 species, nor does Emerson nor any of the N. Am. botanists who enumerate them, except that Sh. puts S. decip. in his S. diandra — Upon the whole, I have concluded to leave my Mss. as I had prepared it, only substituting "Stamens commonly 2" for my previous arbitrary subsection — Stamens 2 — If these pentandrous aments really belong to the wide leaves with glaucous undersides to which Barratt, (& following him Sartwell) attaches them, I strongly suspect, ~~I suspect~~ that there is something yet to be known respecting them — The plants I saw about Cambridge appeared to be all 2-and — Upon the whole then, tho' I am not satisfied with my work, I have not the means of mending it, & I prefer enumerating fewer species which can be made out, to swelling the list with others which cannot, until better known & characterised — Wood has 34 species, I have 22 (or 23 with the short notice of S. Bab.) & including S. purpurea, which he has not, so that he & his friend Barratt understand at least 11 species more than I can — Populus I leave untouched, as my materials give me no new light. You will see how I have given the derivation, & can adopt or alter it, as you will. This remark applies to the entire Mss. which you may alter at will, & still father all mistakes which may exist upon me, & to which I agree before-hand. I shall now go carefully

thro' my Carices of which my collec.n as to the common species, is really richer than your's, and as to the rarer ones, all honor to the Rumford System! my double process of enlightenment has left me "comfortably to do in the world" — When I look at my plunder "some small remains of native wit" would shock me were it not for the solacing reflection that you have still enough, & I none too much after all, so that we may both rest content; & you more especially; as you cannot help yourself. I send back the key of your door, which I carelessly took away in my pocket! I found my dear Brother in a feeble state of health, certainly, but better than my fears led me to anticipate as he has had no return of the bleeding. He is stopping at a place called "Wheatsheaf" about 1½ miles on this side Rahway & about ¾ of a mile off the public road. I spent 2 days there (3-4 Inst.) & they wish me to go there & work, and it may be that I shall do so, as my Revisio Caricum will be very leisurely conducted. I feel more than ever undecided as to my course, & very uncomfortable & distracted in my movements. As you do not want your Herb. paper until Sept.r you may as well let the matter stand over for the present, if you have given no order. In the meantime, I will get an estimate from Smith here, which will be a guide for yourself, even if circumstances should prevent my requiring any. Of course, if you have given your order, I am ready to take my proportion, but I have increasing misgivings as to whether I shall ever use it. When you have done with the sheets of Torrey's 2.d Vol. please to return them thro' me, as I want to minute in my own copy some mem.a & corrections I made in the Salicaceæ. please

to make such a mem.m of this as will serve to keep it in your mind. I have heard nothing of Forney, & as I now no longer see the newspapers, I have no news for you - Olney received me very kindly, but it was a broiling afternoon & I was wet thro', & very dirty & uncomfortable - I made the extract I wished at the "Athenaeum" but tho' I missed seeing Mr L. I had the pleasure of bidding adieu to his son & Mr Jackson (the latter I met accidentally) - Better than all, my time admitted of my spending a few minutes with Dear "Lady Jane" - I beg my warmest regards to her - I thought of you both on the 4 July, when I ventured to hope you were having "a nice time" together - If time admits, acknowledge the receipt of the Mss. which you may do in as few words as you will.

Say also, how far you have printed - I take this opportunity to renew to you, my dear Gray, my earnest thanks for your kind & friendly hospitality - May your table soon be graced by a far brighter object, & may many years of happiness be granted to you both - Say all that is kind to your brothers, on my behalf, & believe me, Very truly Yours Jno Carey

Fill in the author of Pop. dilatata (last line but 2 of the Mss.) I know not whether the specific name dates earlier than Lin. & appear to have omitted it.

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New York, 12 Oct. 1847.

My dear Gray

I have been for sometime past looking to hear from you, especially as the MS. & proofs of the genus "Carex" have failed to reach me according to appointment. However, I now write you on one or two little matters which I have noted since we met, as I may be more engaged for the next 2 months having agreed to manage the business of my friend Mr. Kingsford during his trip to England for that period.

I enclose what I now suppose to be Lycopod. selaginoides, from Point de Tour, Michigan - I passed it over when naming the State Collection for L. inundatum but now find my error, I hope in time for the Manual, as I suspect it must be very rare, or unknown in the States - See Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. You will find plenty of it I think in your set of Mich. plants, tho' I did not attach much value to it at the time -

I also enclose Galium concin. in fruit which you had not seen when describing the species in the Flora - It is from Ohio, Sullivant. & was mixed up in a breeches-pocket lump of other species - I send a small bit only for the locality & it can go into your appendix if you see fit -

I find to your great disgrace & my no less annoyance that whilst I have plenty of Gentiana flavida I have no real G. ochroleuca! This must

be seen to on your parts, & a suitable specimen laid by with my Cleome aurea? (Sprague's spec.) for which I told you responsible -

And now as to some of Hooker's determinations of Geyer's plants, which please examine some time or other & report to me, & if needful to Hooker if he has erred -

No. 6. he calls Bahia oppositifolia - I took it for your Picradenia -

201. Aster laxifolius is certainly wrong. What species is it? I take it for one of the Amelli near A. adscendens.

30. Erigeron caespitosus B. grandiflorus is, me judice, E. pumilus.

"Arnica Chamissonis" - he omits to give the number here - My only Arnica is No. 361. but it has only a single head. Can this be your A. cham.?

I may have 1 or 2 more of these to speak about hereafter - I am just about to send on Sullivant's 2 numbers - I am ashamed at having kept them so long, but my detention in the Country prevented my using them - I hope to have the remaining numbers from you when you get them & will be more reasonable as to the detention of them. I do not hear of the arrival of Agassiz at present but he is advertized for the 15th. but at the Med. Col. in Crosby Street - My eyes fail me distressingly, particularly my right Eye with which I cannot read even ordinary Capitals when the other is closed! This worries me a great deal more than any personal inconvenience which has yet befallen me - It cannot be mere age, or the effect wd. have been gradual, & I suppose wd. have been equal in both eyes - I suppose the optic nerve is affected, why not? since I have not a sound nerve remaining in my system. My friend Mr. K. (the late partner of Mr. Holford) is a large loser by the failures in London & hence his journey to endeavour to arrange his entangled affairs. My position, as his Atty, will be neither pleasant nor profitable but I felt called upon to assume it, in his present perplexities. This arrangement will keep me here for at least this winter, & it is idle to speculate beyond that period. I am still at Sam's house, but shall probably remove into chambers somewhere, before very long. I know how busy you are, & wd. not tax your complaisance to write to me, but when the book is in print, or you have a lazy (not a leisure) half hour, bestow it upon me & tell me your news - Especially the prospects of installing the Deity into her shrine during the coming winter - I suppose your house is completed, how do you like it? And what says our hearts' darling to the improvements? My kindest regards to her & all other house, & with remembrances to my friends George & Joe, I am My Dear Gray, Always & truly yrs,

Jno Carey.

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Massachusetts.

Poor Sam. complains of roughness in his throat, & is far from comfortable, but has no return of the bleeding. I have seen nothing of Lorrey but learn from Hotton that he is in the City - I want to know all about Bacon's publishing arrangements. Do you go on with W. & B. or make new engagements in Boston - Tell my all about it, in your next. Adieu!

New York, 17 Novr. 1847.

My dear Gray — Your letter (not your writing paper) of Saturday Eveng. reached me last afternoon, covering my specimen of Woodsia glabella which I supposed, as a matter of course, would have been illuminated — However, it is probable that you now consider me an elève of the "Rumford" School, & upon principles of chivalry & equity thoroughly recognized within the classical precincts of H. M. Castle of Newgate — "Dog eat Dog is a poor trade" — I did get your lr., as to our Roch^r friend, & his last Caricog. & I "kept silence because I had nothing to say" as you surmise — What could I say? What could be said, but that I had read the lucubration, & derived from it all the light which it was capable of transmitting! I do not allow myself to doubt that our friend is a kind-hearted, well disposed man, but for the rest, — — — & certainly in your recent case he has been unusually oblivious — I believe I mentioned to you my conviction that he does actually, at times, forget his own published species, as well as those of others; & I can readily understand that he may also forget the sources of any information which may present itself as a new light to his mind. My last letter but one, (which you never noticed in your subsequent one, by the way) told you all about his published & unpublished statements respecting his C. mirata, of which he sent me two (I think different periegesia) — well — I wrote him in reply, contrasting his statements

to me, in litt. with those published by himself & Torr. & was told in reply that all was straight-forward enough, except that he was deceived as to Sartwell being the source of the plant in question! Upon the whole, therefore, I am determined to give our friend "a wide berth" & not to cross him or interfere with him, further, as to this his hobby; which he may ride (for me) up mountains & over seas to his heart's content — I have told him, in terms that when he gets my work, he may "write me down an ass", without the possibility of offending me, for I will not be offended by him, let him do, say, or write what he will — re caricibus — As to getting you specimens of Woodsia Ilabella from Vasey, as the condition of being "called a gentleman" by you; why you must even call me a varlet or what likes you else, for truly I am in no way of getting them for myself — The good man has not addressed me for some 18 mos. I believe, not even to acknowledge a few plants & a letter I sent him — I suppose he is huffed about some slight, to some of his discoveries, or what not; for I have not the slightest idea what can have offended him — Truly, my dear fray, I am sick to death of these pettry jealousies; & do not desire as a friend or correspondent any one who has not confidence enough in me to feel assured of my good will & frank intentions towards him — And now of pleasanter matters — Your talk about Avena striata brought to my mind, what I hope you noticed in your Herb. as I think I called your attention to it, by a note, when arranging your gram. 2 yrs. ago — You have a specimen (I think from Lehmann) of what he calls Avena flavescens, which I thought corresponded exactly with a fragment you have "ex herb. Schreb." (illuminatus?) labelled by you "Flores avenae pennsylvanicae Linn. a Kalmio lecti" — I find only this mem. in my herb. & a piece of the Lehmann plant but none of Kalm's — I had not then learnt the ⁂ system —

You have also a queer Panicum from "Macon-Ill. Mead" which I have labelled P. autumnale, Bosc. I think on the authority of something you brought from Europe, but my Cribbage does not amount to much, & as I did not note the authority, I have forgotten about it — You will say you have nothing to do with Ill. Mac, but probably the same thing is in Ohio — I have a further faint remembrance of some puddity I noticed in connection with a 1-flowered grass (a sort of a Muhlenbergia thing) but for the life of me I cannot remember what it was, & last night I turned over my herb. but found nothing to refresh my memory; a proof that one's education is not complete, without attending a "Rumford" course — If you should tell me all this is too late for the Book; I reply, I send it as soon as ever I thought of it — & for the rest, if you have not consulted your herb. whilst "doing" the gram.a you ought to have done so, & there you would meet with these & divers other bright hints from my pen, I doubt not — I never knew what Trisetum really is; & agree with Hook. (I think) that Botanists will be apt to take their own views as to the species comprised in it — Deschampsia again, as disting.d from Aira, what do you say about it? Can you not lend me a set of rough sheets of the gram.a? I do not want to wait 6 months before I see them — Send pr. mail or can, in your turn, are no gentlemen — I have got, by private hand, a capital letter from Boott, a perfect treatise, which I will send you on to read — Poor Carex gracilis, it seems will not "stay put", & we were "going-a-head" too fast in (our) doings — I say our, because I assented to what you said — gave my important "ditto to Mr. Burke" — I have written Boott, acknowledging the papers

received thro' you, & his last treatise - He is a good & a capital fellow - I have written to Olney (thro' whom I hope to get at Vasey) also to Kniskern (from whom I expect an answer in less than 10 years, perhaps in 6) to send me such Carices as our dear good Boott wants, & what they cannot furnish I shall strip my own collec.n to supply, that he may have all we can do for him, & which he so well deserves - You may therefore say, if you write very shortly, that I am doing my possible in the matter, & as he & you & I do at least understand each other, it matters not from which of us he gets them - If contrary to my hopes I cannot get any of the plant with the euphonous name, nor yet of C. Woodii, you must try (your friend?) Wood, who lives I believe in poor Dr. Crane's Country - I will let you know by thye whether you need apply to him - I wrote to him, at your suggestion, soon after the fire but he vouchsafed no reply to my letter, whatever - Perhaps he was offended because I asked how I could send him a copy of yr. "text Bk" - I know not. As to my doings in Carex - If any body questions you on the subject, refer them to me - & I have an answer stereotyped - "What I wrote I certainly thought at the time of writing; whether, if I were now reviewing the ground, I should alter my opinion in any points, I cannot say; but in the meantime, what the Book says, in reference to any & every species, I say, be it right or wrong, till I give equal publicity to a change of opinion" - If any philosophers will insist upon sending me specimens & quiddities, to resolve - I shall esteem it a personal insult, & demand satisfaction, or light my pipe with their nipives - There is the book. Why should I "eat their dirt"? I have written myself into "Eccles vain" but having also written to the end of my sheet, I come down from my

stilts & will render you like a sucking Dove" to send love to Dear Lady I. & affec.ⁿ regards to you –

Oakes sent me his prospectus, & I really feel annoyed that I know no one here to whom I could present it for subscrip.ⁿ – This is one of the annoy.ᶜᵉ of living entirely out of the world – Give my regards to him when you see him – I shall write him shortly –
This is written at the C. House, by which you will see that business is not very active – Indeed, the late news from England, with the probable contin.ᶜᵉ of the War in Mex.° have quite suspended business, for a time – Business men feel very anxious, just now, as to the prospects for the winter –

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New York - 4 Decemr. 1847.

My dear Gray,

Your letter of the 2nd I have received within a quarter of an hour, & prefer replying to it from the Cabo. to neglecting it, for even 24 hours, so keenly alive am I to the kind & friendly proposal which it contains, & to which I give the first attention, (tho' last in the order of your letter) since it is uppermost in my thoughts. "Which will you take, the honour or the labour"? without electing either, or declining both, I will tell you what pops in my mind, without a reserve, which is truly my wont in dealing with you - First, as to the labour - Whatever might be my wishes, I could not attend to the matter until Mr. Kingsford's return (I suppose 3 or 4 weeks hence) as the growing infirmity in my right eye renders it quite useless in the evening, & the betternost one complains of having double work to do; & instead of looking sharper into things, takes the opportunity of performing it's own share very indifferently - This wd. worry my spirits greatly, had I not other, & very significant tokens, that I am well nigh "used up" - In addition to the required delay, which wd. be prejudicial, I can hardly reconcile it to my ideas of perfect candour, to sit down in deliberate censorship upon a work of which I have so great an antecedent knowledge - Here it is, that it owes none of it's great merits & superiority to me; but I have been too much behind the scenes; & have already approved, in the abstract, what I could now only commend in the concrete - In any other view of the case, I should rather like the job, because, tho' others might review the work more philosophically, yet none would take more pains to bring forward the excellencies & value of it - And now as to the honour. If I seek to divert you from your "strong wish" so kindly cherished, it is not that I am indifferent to the proposition, for unexpected as it is, few things wd. give me more satisfaction than to see my name (botanically) "in glory's niche"

thro' your friendly instrumentality – Truly your dedication wd do more for my renown as a Naturalist, both now & hereafter, than any thing which I have ever done, or could do to establish it – I say not this in "mock modesty", but in a sober conviction of its truth; & altho' few men care less than myself for the opinions of "the Sovereign People" yet I should derive a satisfaction, which I venture to hope has a higher source than mere vulgar personal vanity, in seeing my name prefixed to pages designed for the perusal of a class whose good opinion may be esteemed an honour by all well regulated minds, however constitutionally lofty. I hardly care to express how much this feeling wd be enhanced, as a public recognition of a friendship, of which I shall only say that I do not undervalue it. This is a strain which I never employ in writing to you, because we understand each other; & in whatever other respects we may entertain different opinions, we at least rely with equal & entire confidence upon each other – And now having most truly expressed to you my inmost feelings, on this subject, I proceed to recommend you to dedicate the Manual to our good friend Torrey – Do you not think he will expect it? And, having reference to what you have told me as to what has passed between you on the subject, do you not think it would prevent the possibility of any little soreness (on the score of authorship, which he might feel, in seeing that you dissent from very many of his (so recently published) determinations? Free it is that Torrey is too sincere & candid a man to take undesigned offence, but & I believe him altogether superior to petty jealousies, & moreover your warm & faithful personal friend, but the very "best of men (amongst whom I rank Torrey) are but men at the best" & altho' I anticipate no wound requiring an emollient dressing, yet this dedication would be a little friendly adhesive plaister which would not allow even a pimple to break out beneath it – There is a professional figure for you! – After what I have said above, you will not suspect me of coquettishly rejecting what I earnestly desire, for I have, in all truth & frankness, admitted that it would be most gratifying to me (more than commonly so) to receive your dedication, did I not think that, for the reasons I have given, it had better be conferred upon Torrey, who cannot be more, & I trust will be as much pleased with it, as I myself should have been – As between ourselves, your expressed intention demands my warmest thanks, which I may run to accept & to receive my self-devoting good advice, as the best immediate acknowledgt of your friendly purpose.

I recd, 2 days since, a sheet-ful from Mr L. F. – If hereafter, I should think it due to my own respectability as a Genlm to notice it, I shall send my answer thro' you, open. His letter you shall see the first time I send an a pack.t to you, as it is not worth double postage to you – It is just such a Lr. as I should expect from such a man – The first page entirely deprecatory of excuses for not coming to see me – the rest of his own doings in Carex – his "claims" &c. to which I shall yet no doubt "do justice" &c. & begging for his C. Fuck. as tho' I, & not the circumstances of the case, were eventually to determine the question. I must add, & italic line conveys the idea (whether designed or not) that in species which he had studied, there was no chance of an alteration in his opinions, nor room for any one else to form contrary ones – The letter appears to me a most remarkably compound of meanness & conceit. As to the question itself, it is merely & simply – What was the orig.l C. cylindrica of Schwz.? and from you I learnt that it was our old C. bullata, & (oddly enough) I believe in this only instance, you wrote out the Sign.y for me, with your own hand – Now, notwithstanding what T. says, I believe it will turn out, as you say, because your recollection seldom errs, & further, because I suspect that the true C. bullata, Schk. is a northern plant, & less likely to have come into the hands of Schw.z than the other species; with the large inflatio perig.m – I know that the evidence of Torr. & H. fil. is against this – but we saw at the time, that his disposition of the species was at variance with Boott's & T.'s – However, as Boott wishes me to look into other matters in Torrey's collec.n, for his information, I have thoughts of borrowing it, when Mr K. returns from Engl.d, & I shall then see how the real case stands as to our high-minded friend's species – Till then, his letter may cool on my file, & I also shall have the advantage of forgetting it, & him – In the meantime if he, or other impertinents make application to you, in the matter of Carex, do not suffer yourself to be plagued with them; but just refer them to me as the only responsible expositor of my own doings – I do not give you any particulars as to C. gracilis, because I mean to send you an Boott's letter (treatise!) for perusal – It wants appear that it will have to be C. tenella after all.

I am glad you sent the enum. Car. to Boott, as he will get it free of charge, & earlier than from hence — I hope to send him some specimens he wants by the next steamer, & we shall then possess his valuable opinions & dissents, as to my late doings, which (strange to say) I have already half forgotten myself! Is it not ridiculous? or rather, is it not melancholy to find one's recollection failing to such an extent. I note what you say about Sporobolus & will not make myself "a goose" by looking for what does not exist. It will be hard to distinguish the genera in an early state, & as to habit, Sporobolus — (Torrey's species, found by Oakes) looks, if my memory serves me aright, very like Vilfa longifol. &c. — But if you say the genera are good, why I even say so too, being only too proud of the honour of saying "Ditto to Mr. Burke" — I had no doubt as to the correctness of your views as to the Peric. of Carex, but there are some objections

I reserve this conspicuous place to send my best love to Cear. Lady J.; more by token that the light of the hare intitil will be sent in good time for the contents of the sheet — As this very wilful my boy drops in the remaining sheets of the proofs, for liked, on any terms, & (probably) of which more hereafter.

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to the theory in my mind — However, if it be a res judicata, as you say — why, there an end. As to Fendler's collections I will see Sam. to-night, & hear what he says — I am glad, on all ages, that the poor fellow has escaped — With respect to myself, I should, of course, like to subscribe for one of the fullest sets, but ~~at present~~ must forego the wish, as it wd not be prudent — My views, as to the future, being unchanged, are of course dark enough, but if any thing brighter should turn up between this & the Spring (a very unlikely thing) future chances, now rendered more probable, may enable me to obtain these plants; but the other alternative I contemplate, by cutting me off alike from Botany & Botanists wd render the privation a matter of no moment — No more of this, however. You shall know my brother's determination when I next have occasion to write, which will be no doubt shortly (on some place or other) — I am My Dear Gray, Very truly Yrs. Jno Carey

Tuesday Evenng. 28 Decr.

My dear Gray — Last afternoon, my brother brought home the proof of your first sheet, but your letter just now received gives me the first intimation of your wishes as to criticisms, & hence a day's delay occurs in the return of the proof. I am not sorry that there is an opportunity of making some small alteration in the title, which I before thought confused by the introduction of the word "comprising". I also propose to remove the ( ) & have suggested an alteration to prevent the sound of "introduction" & "reduction" so close together — I have also proposed a few verbal alterations in the preface but have made my corrections in pencil only that you may rub them out when disapproved. I return the proof by this same mail — I am glad that you have adopted my views as to the dedication; for, had I not thought it desirable, on your own account, & for the reasons I assigned, I should not have been capable of so great an act of self-denial —

I am glad you did not alter C. Luck. as I feel a strong assurance that it will turn out to be quite correct, & I well remember going over Schw. Am. Lab. & observing the facts you mention in connection

with the 2 species, & the South^n. locality of C. cylind.
which I believe I also mentioned to you in my last letter.
When I see Torr. Coll^n I shall look how the matter
stands, but, in the mean time, all evidence points
our way, to say nothing of your personal recollection
on which I place great reliance — As to R. P. I dislike
to think of one whom I cannot but hold in extreme
contempt — This last trifling affair is just in keeping
with his character — Had I uncontrolled discretion
with your Preface, you should not, for your own
sake, call him "my friend" especially as it might be
very well omitted where it occurs in connection with the second
mention of his name — "Qui resemblent s'assem-
blent" says the French Proverb, from the inferred action
of which I wd. protect your name — If I sh^d. write
to him, at all, after seeing Torrey's orig^l. specimens, it
will be very briefly, as you will see; & I shall leave
him to infer, what I do not think it necessary to tell
him as to my feelings in regard to himself & his letter.
But no more of your "friend" — I am heartily glad
to hear that Rendler's Collect^n turns out so well,
& that the forms are not Mexican — My brother
wishes you to forward his name for as complete
a set as may be (excluding Mosses & lichenes, for
which he does not care) — When you know the
exact amount, he will forward it as you
may direct — I believe I have told you I cannot subscribe for
these plants — "My poverty & not my will consents"
to forego them — I am much grieved to hear of poor
George's sickness, which your letter before me, informs
me of for the first time — I beg my kind regards to
him, with best wishes for his recovery — You will
be sorry to hear that I am myself quite unwell
& have been confined to the house since the 18th,
under care of Dr. Beals — My complaint is local,
the Dr. thinks, enlargement of the prostrate gland! He
bleeds me with leeches, & has reduced me much,
without, at present, having arrested the disorder —
You will readily suppose that any thing so very
annoying does not increase my comforts, but
I have still very many blessings for which to
be thankful! Mr. Kingsford fortunately
returned the very day before I was laid up, &
I was enabled comfortably to surrender my charge —
I thank you for the Copies of "Carex" which I have
distributed to all our Botanists, I believe — I should
like Kunze to have one — How do I address him?
Are there any other of your "bloody Frenchmen"
to whom you wd. care to send it? I have a dozen
copies left, I believe. I am well pleased with the
grasses so far as I have proceeded with them — Here follow
queries to be answered

1. What is our old Vilfa Indica? & how distinct from
Sparoh. cryptand. which last seems also (fide your desk)
to be Vilfa tenacissima Nees. & Poa littoralis Nutt! Is it so?

2. Do you know a grass from Chapman-Flor.a which he calls a stout form of Agrost. Michaxodes? It is a good Sporobolus, tho' externally very like what he compares it to -

3. I strongly suspect that Muhl. (Dichochloa) capillaris runs into Agrostis Michax. Ell. The awn of the glumes seems to vary wonderfully in length - Did this ever strike you? If not, bear it in mind.

4. What is the real Aspidium spinulosum? & where is it found?

5. Have you any (European?) specimen of Dryopt. rigida to spare? Is it Europ.a?

6. Do you remember among the plants sent you last winter by Lindley, or Ward, an Aspid. which came from Bermudas - Lees, & which I thought was the same plant that our South. fellows call A. Nov-Ebor. - I want to know the name under which this was sent to you, as I cannot find any mem. of it tho' I thought I took one, when at Cambridge - As soon as I can get out, I mean to see if Mr. & P. can send on a small Package I have for you containing some 1/2 dozen fine Spec.ns of my own, making & Batt's late very long letters - I am just in receipt of a Package from him, forwarded from Boston, by Harnden - From you? - Always faithfully

Yrs. A.G.

N.Y. Monday Morng.

My dear Gray –

Yrs. of 21 at hand, & Lre. to Martius duly forwarded by "Missouri" – sails this Morng. The present is in consequence of a long very characteristic lre. rec.d from our friend Dewey, who, amongst other things, goes into the merits of his Carex mirata, of which he sends me a Perim. Scale from ? & also from Georgia, but in my judgment 2 quite distinct things!! the latter like what I have supposed to be Rudge's C. gigantea, & the former not unlike Boott's C. comosa, but perhaps something else – Well – now comes the beauty of the whole matter – Torrey under C. aristata cites, (without any ?), Dewey's C. mirata, & addition to the Watertown local.} gives "Shore of Lake Ontario (Dr. Sartwell) according to Prof.r Dewey" – Dewey himself in Wood's Bot. 2.d edn. under his C. mirata says – "Shores of Lake Ontario, Sartwell, also found in the State of Georgia" – I now copy from Dewey's lre. before me, as follows,

"On C. aristata R.Br. I do not perhaps understand you yet. The arctic plant I called & well figured (!) C. aristata R.Br. is not the Watertown plant which is the plant of R.Br. Dr. Sartwell has no C. aristata

from Lake Ontario – at least so I understand him. (!!) My C. mirata Dr. S. has never found or seen as I believe" (!!!) – Riddle me, Riddle me ree – Guess me what all this means – Dewey in Torr. & Fl! & in Wood's Bot!! versus Dew. in Litt.!!!

However, it is all very satisfactory to me, now, since I have no locality for C. mirata Da within your limits, be it what it may – Please therefore, in my Mss. under C. aristata erase the L. Ontario hab. – & all reference to C. mirata let C. arist.a merely stand "referred" "Watertown & Northward to arctic Am.a" – If the type is set up, please erase in the proof, unless you propose sending it to me as before. – I find Dewey's C. flaccosperma (qr. – lat. hab.?) is, as I suspected, the queer var. of Schk's C. laxiflora, to which Dewey never compares it! tho' he mentions, more suo, a remote resemblance to C. granul. Therefore erased my (?) in the proof returned to you by Saturday's mail, & put his C. flaccosperma under C. gribea, var. muticea, without a doubt. I thank you for your very kind intention of printing off some extra sheets of Carex which I remember you named before, but I then thought, as I do now, that it was making too much of so small a matter – However, you must at all events, let me be chg.d with paper & printing – that is pay. – Keep back as many as you choose, including one for Fuckerman, & one for Mr. Gregg – & only let me have a list of the names for whom you intend them, that they may not be – "done in duplicate". I do not know what to say to the Review at present – My head is full of flour! grain!! Cotton!!! & Bot. ashes!!!! not to say Lard – Beef & Pork & Cheese besides Exp.s on London – France & Germany, & failures innumerable in England –

Dear Jam. has another Boy, born on Saturday morning. – All going on well –

I had already talked up the interdiffusion of Papes &c. with Torrey, but am not yet quite satisfied I have still qualms thereanent. I wonder if you keep up Eragrostis as a gen.? I think it is as good as Glyceria. I mean as distinct from Poa – I am, & always have been anxious to know the limits of these genera, & Briza, & also the clear limits between Poa – Festuca – Bromus – I give you pay of Panicum, truly – I rather guess, P. virgatum will swallow up "considerable", as our friend Hartwell has heretofore remarked – I remember I used to think

Torrey's Trisetum purpuras. was technically a Bromus.
What again are the limits of Trisetum? I never knew.
However since you "have done 28 genera well" I look
for ☺ — Meantime God bless you & prosper you in
all things — love to "our peerless ladie" — Strange indeed
that she shouldn't "grow more & more charming" (!!!) &
kind regards to the Boys — Very truly yrs. J.H.

paid

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Monday Morng. 30 Augt.

My dear Gray—

I received your letter last Tuesdy, but delayed my journey ~~to the~~ City until today, when I forward you a package by Adams Express containing— Dreyer Caricol.

~~Boo~~ revisio Car. bor.

Boott's corrected Carices ex Hook. Flor. Bor Am.

— Car. Sp. Nov. Lin. Soc.

Dewey's Car. (ex Sill. Jour.)

Barratt's willow labels!

all from your library; also Mr. Green's copy of Schk's Car. which please return, with thanks; & last, not least, you have the (in)-valuable Mss. Revisio Caricum — I am sorry to observe by your letter that I ought to have written you before, but in truth, my news is not worth postage; my dear Brother, I think Ed is better & has been making a week's holiday with us in N. Jersey—

And now of my work; a revision of which, in connection with my own collections, has I hope enabled me to improve it materially— The characters are greatly shortened, & yet embrace all that I have been enabled to detect as really distinctive & contrasting— My enumeration comprises 126 Species, less by 12 than Dewey's— I have, however, 14 Species which he has not, rejecting 26 of his! The Mss. is all ready

for press, except the accents, which please insert, as I has no Latin Dict. at N. I. & thought I might make some errors. There is another point to which I wish to call your attention — In the §§ & sub §§ I have underscored the leading points, if therefore these headings are all in ital. could not the emphatic parts be in the ordinary Roman? if that would be troublesome or expensive, there remain but the alternatives of printing them in the Roman, & using the ital. as in the specif. char.s, or else to print the sections & subsec.ns in ital. & omit altogether the notice of the strong points, which I commend to your choice & good judgment. I am of opinion that, taken as a whole, my work, in the same type, would not take up more room than Dewey's. At all events I have made it as short as I could — I must beg you to correct the proofs carefully by the Mss. for altho' I hope it is pretty good & clear, as a whole, yet the printer is unacquainted with my pot-hooks, & might err in deciphering them, comely tho' they be. There are also a few very important words interpolated, the omission of which wd. materially affect the subject. I have given rather fuller synon.y than you allow, but in this intricate genus it seemed desirable, & indeed necessary — You will remark that I have altered my mind as to the perplexing C. cephalaidea, which I now append, with a good deal of satisfaction to C. sparganioides.

I have also taken up Boott's C. aperta (one of the acuta!) for a plant sent to me by Olney — It is one of Dewey's nars. of C. acuta. I am about to write Olney & shall ask him to send you a specimen, which please compare with your real C. aperta, if in time. However, I am very well convinced about it, as I have a poor spec.n from your Herb. of the Columbia plant. It is probably found throughout the continent but has been confounded with C. stricta, & C. acuta, to neither of which it belongs. The long scale, is a striking char. & the granular perig.m & smooth stem are also peculiar. I am satisfied we have no real C. acuta. I send you an ~~a separate paper~~ the accompanying sheet of paper some observations on my arrangement which, if you think them necessary or desirable in the way of explanation, you can print as Hooker has done Boott's talk at the commencement of the genus (in small letters) or embody what you think needful (if any) in your own preface — I wish I could save you the trouble of reading my Mss. against the first proof, but my distance, & the lapse of a day, whilst in Jersey, wd. render it inconvenient. However, I wish you would save all the Mss. & send on to me with a set of the sheets, & if any thing has escaped your sharp eyes, I will send you corrections in time for your errata. And now of other matters —

Woodsia glabella — found by G. Vasey at Little Falls — I send you my only specimen.

Let nothing tempt you to unite dospid. Shelypt. & A. Nov. Ebor.

they are perfectly distinct. Both are growing about me in N. J. but never together, nor are there any "between" I recognize both, instantly, whilst riding along the road — The characters are constant, & the rhizome different. Triposacum grows about "Thompson's Creek" N. J. with other salt-marsh grasses & seems entirely wild. It is not worth while to copy out the corrections I made under Carex in Torrey's sheets, as I have been working with my own (interleaved) copy, & have made many more — I was in error, it seems, as to the willow notes, which I believe I have elsewhere. However, it is of no moment — I have had two long letters from Dewey anent Carices — I replied to the first, & took occasion to tell him I had been arranging the species for your book, & noted some of his to which I objected. I also told him that I rejected to a great extent all merely artificial arrangement, & that, as I could not but see that our ideas of natural affinities were widely different, I by no means promised myself his approval of my labours. To this he replied very courteously "I do not differ from you more than half as much as you suppose, & may not differ even half that. I wish the Nat. Syst.m to prevail. I teach no other" — He proceeds to deprecate any unkindness to arise out of our opposite views, & begs that we may "agree to differ" — I venture to hope that I am the very last person in the world, who required such a caution, but it is well be fully so.

44 Sixth Street – Monday Morng.

My dear Gray –

Your valued letter reached me on Saturday Aft.n, & I find it necessary to inflict the threatened 5-penny upon you, at once – Most surely, that dear little wife of Your's has turned your brain! There can be no doubt of it – You wrote me that Sullivant missed his Lond. Jour. Bot. for April, in proof of which you send me an excerpt from his letter to you in which he states in large emphatic letters that it is the month of JUNE!! which he misses, & which had not reached America when I left Cambridge, & took with me the only numbers I ever borrowed of you, to wit, (as I find by my Mss. Extracts from them) Nos. 62 – 64 & 65. being, as I think you will find for the months of Feby. April & May respectively. So far as my memory serves, No. 62 was your own Copy, & Nos 64 & 65 – Sullivant's – returned to him in one wrapper & neither of which does he appear to miss! Now, therefore, you will please to tell Mr. Sullivant – since he has got hold of my name in connection with his loss) that tho' I sympathise with him, amazingly – in his annoyance; yet, up to this hour, I have never to my knowledge even seen a June number of the Lond. Jour. Bot. & that somebody – no matter who – having recently become a couble-man, is of course – a man beside himself. If you do not become more steady, very shortly, why – I shall give you up – & address my future correspond.ce to "the Misses".

I am extremely gratified that you like the Article — especially so, also, that Dear Lady Jane found it readable — Whenever I have thought on the subject, since I despatched it to you, I have been well satisfied that I unintentionally gave up my original design — Had I proposed the Book to have given a good history of N. Am.n Botan.l Bibliography, it would necessarily have been of limited interest, except to Botanists, & in contrasting your works with former ones, the Botanical merit must have been the turning point — whereas, I have now taken a much higher stand; & have mooted questions of real importance, & therefore of general interest — whilst, incidentally, the value of your publications, in this connection, is vastly enhanced — I feel assured that it is in all respects better, as it is — & allow myself to hope that some little good may result — I thank you, very kindly, for your intention as to the Spatling plants — I wish you w.d find time to throw in labels for the Scroph. & Polemon. which you have lately studied, & for the few Lupines & Astrag.i — Engelmann has written me, since my last, that he has himself sent off the seeds Hacti, by an independ.t opp.y — so I am to ship the pamphlets alone — which I am about to do, accordingly — When you send any packages to me (for the present at least) it will be as well to direct them to 6th. Street, as the Express will deliver them without extra charge — And as to letters, tho' it makes no difference in the latter respect, yet I should get them rather sooner in the City — as C. H. now send them up by the twopenny City Express — which brings them to my hand from 2 to 3 o'clk. P.M. — too late to answer by return mail — if need were. Amongst the Texas plants of Wright — & I think also of Lindheimer — is a Carex with variegated (olive & white) striate Perig.a It is probable that you will find it under the name of C. alveata — Boott, for which I took it when at Cambridge. But altering my mind, on my return home — I sent my only specn. to Boott, who says it is not his plant — but suspects it is C. planostachys, Kze. of which an authentic (Mexican) specimen exists in Herb. Fuck.n & which he begs (& I hereby also beg) you to examine, & satisfy us as to the fact — more by token that it is part of your business, in working up the Texan things of Lindh. & Wright — I told Boott that altho' I would do his behest, & felt a personal interest in the matter — yet — I doubted whether you would give up peering into gentle eyes, to examine — as we require the perig.m of a Carex! Now we shall see — If I send the plants of Fuck.n through you — that will be a good opportunity to borrow the specimen from "your friend" — I should have sent the package instantly, by Express, but I thought it might please Boott better if I could send them to him free of charge — For himself — I had no such consideration — I am going down Town, & will put a P.S. to my letter as to what I conclude, in the matter — Kind love to Lady Jane, & Hetty, from me, to tie — or sew — your head fast on your shoulders, for the present — Always aff.y Yrs. Asa

Best regards to Mr. Torrey — & the family — never forgetting "Lizzy"

swindles into cents! Adieu!

I have heard nothing from Torrey lately — You owe me a long letter or two, & no mistake but whether you will ever fulfill your promises is another matter —

Capt. H. Gray —
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I find Young Grant has an opportunity for Boston this morng. So I conclude to save you the 5-cents (however little you may deserve such consideration) for the sake of somebody — The English ways construe the Text — "A virtuous wife is a Crown to her husband" into "Five Shillings" — but in the present instance it

Bank Street Tuesday Evg. 16/12

My dear Doctor, I have your letter, of Thursday, & at your request, send you some more last words, but I fear my arrangements at Buff. will not answer your purpose - I propose leaving this for Albany, (via Housatonic RRd. &c.) on Saturday Morng. at Day light! 1/2 p. 6 - I shall stay the Sunday there, & set off for Buffo. on Mondy. Morng. I shall probably be about a week there, & then set off on my tour thro' the Provinces - It is not likely that I shall return again to Buffo. as I shall most likely part with Mr. T. at Montreal & make my way straight home, leaving him to go back to Buffo., & to join me here a Month afterwards - say, by the 1 March - This is our plan, at present, & if you can see how you can use me, under such circumstances, do it freely - And now of my Matters - C. & Co. have recd. a bill of lading of Curtis' Box, from Petersburg - It is on board of a Schooner, & I trust outlived the awful Storm of yesterday. To lose plants by fire, & water, would be too hard a lot - Short has sent me a very kind letter - He purposes to ship me a lot of his plants when the Navgn. opens - Sartwell also, writes very kindly - He invites me to his house to pick out his Dupts. &c. Poor fellow he is brought low in the world, he says, as to money Matters - Of course I am not going - He says further "I have been collecting Carices from different Parts of the Country, for a Year or two past, & mean to put up some sets in Port folio form, under the title of "Carices Americanæ" a H. P. Sartwell" & requests

Why address me at Buffalo will be - Care of W. A. Thomson Esqr, but I do not expect to be there above a week or so -

" you to wait till my work is completed, when I will send you
" a Copy – The plan was suggested to me by Mr. Tuckerman,
" because, as he said, I could put up better Carices than any
" one else – I sent him some fine Specimens, & he probably
" thought I could make everything in the Carex way, good &
" nice" — I hope this will not hurt Knieskern, as I dare
say Sartwell's plants will be "good & nice" – Mr. Olney has
kindly sent me a large bundle of Specimens – the recent ones
very nice – the earlier (of course entire sets) very so so – Under
the name of Polygonum Pennsyl.m he sends me my Bellows Falls
mount.n plant! Alas! for poor B. F. Mt.n & the Mt. of N. H.!
He also sends me (I think) as Solidago ulmifolia, the plant of which
I found a single Spec.n on the Hoboken Salt Marshes, &
which you called – S. elliptica. Ait. Of course, I speak
from mere recollection, in both cases – You have my Polyg.m
& can compare what he sends, the Solid.o you must compare
with your Book – I am writing to thank Dr. Olney, & shall
beg him to send you both of these plants – They must both
be done over in "the Book" – Lizia & Thaspium must be done
over again – They cannot remain as they do in the flora – L. aurea
& L. cordata are congeners – I do not know L. purp. & cannot say
any thing about it – Make the two Sanicula clear – One has
long diverging styles (⊕) & the other so short that they are hardly
distinguishable from the bristles on the fruit – Besides this there
are popular Char.s in the leaves – One with quinate leaves &
cartilag.s margins &c – Also I pray you look patiently at my
views of Aspid. thelyp. & A. Nov. Eb. The former has a rigid frond
of this shape ⊿ with the margins of the pinnula introflexed over the
fori as in Pteris, the N. Ebor. has a more delicate texture & lanceolate
outline caused by the gradual shortening of the lower pinnæ –

however confluent the fori in this Spec.s the pinnula are never
retroflexed on the margin – The fronds are commonly all fertile, but
generally grows in a bunch of barren fronds, of which the
pinnulae are quite obtuse, not sharp, as in a thelyp. Nov. Eb. I
write all this, from mere memory without Spec.s before me, but
I can compare them – There is a plant which comes from the
South – La. Ala. &c. which I think distinct from either, most like to
N. Ebor. You will not come at it, have ever in "the Book". I
find no diff.e between Kalmia Penns. & K. prunifolia except
the long, slender panicle of the former – I think them one plant –
Larry spent an hour with me, very kindly, last week – He
brought a letter from Knieskern, offering to send me plants, &
wishing for a list of my desiderata!! Dare the mark! – I wrote him
in reply that I might almost send him a Flora of the U.S. but
that what he might have in abundance would
be acceptable particularly pine barren plants – A package
arrived yesterday, from friend Broadbrim, the
latter very courteous informing me that the former contained
"Orchis plants, & which will I hope be worth thy accepting" –
I find he perfect the exact number! One sees the Silver
Spoon in every word of it – However, between you
& me, only, they are a very poor lot, & the best thing about them is the
kindness of friend B. B. Smith – As I had a fire going, I summarily
disposed of a good many of them, reducing the number for below 250,
those I keep, I design the greatest part, by & bye, for your "Export
trade" for which they will do, mixed up with better things, but they
will not suit the home market" at all – Friend Smith's knowledge
of structure is very small, or he could not make the kind of errors he does
with his plants – He has a sort of popular, technical knowledge of many
species. He sends, as "P. amplexicaulis Nutt." that very thread like Polygala
called near Wyer's Cave – I believe it is not P. verticil. & I dare say
is Nutt's plant – He sends Thymus serpyllum from Haverford
which must therefore be looked for the Book – I hope you have stirred
up Chapman & Hale, with an application on my behalf – What of Mead
of Illinois? Do you correspond with him? By the way, look in your Genera
Passiflora, for a Species he sent you lately, & forget
the name of, as a scarlet flowered Passiflora

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NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY

I am going home in a day or two & shall be glad to have
at the College with Irving - He kindly asks to me
look in and tell 2 hot of Blue Hills, [illegible]

30th I have left your query until this morng. as I am sorry to say that my memory does not serve either for the Book, or the Story—

"Story God bless you, I have none to tell Sir"—

However, I think, that what you want is contained in a 4to life of Lin.s by a German Count or Baron to which is prefixed a portrait of Lin. holding the Lin.a boreal. in his hand—This may give you a clue to the work, if in your library—It gives an a/c. of the visit of L. to Oxford, & Dillen.s saying in Latin or French to some one by (& overheard by Lin.s)

"This is the young man that confounds all Botany"—

My brother Sam. has a book in 2 vols 8vo. called Pulteney's Hist. (or Sketch) of the rise & progress of Boty. in England—I think it may contain matter to suit you, if not in your library, Sam. will allow me to send it to you with much pleasure—If so, you may have a friend who would take charge of it here, or I will send it by Express—

I hope Torrey is well I have not seen or heard from him since we parted

Yours very truly Jno. C.

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Monday Eveng. 3/11

My dear Doctor — I wrote you a long letter, some two or three days since, & this has only a specific object in view, viz. to say, that having, at length, after 5 days hard labour! got your genera of grasses all sorted, I this Eveng. proceeded to incorporate with them your orig.l Collect.s (in the white papers) & find that I must have left behind me, I should think at least two, of your small folios — For instance, the whole of the Festucaceæ are missing, say, Poa Eragrostis, Glyceria Briza — Melica Koeleria Dactylis Festuca Bromus Uniola Diarrhena & Festeria — Also I miss the following genera, which you must have had — say Spartina Neersia — Zizania Leersia Alopecurus Phleum & Phalaris, and lastly, I find no Agrostideæ with which you were, I take it well supplied, particularly Muhlenbergia & Vilfa — Now, if you think it worth while, & perfectly safe, I should myself think that they would make a small package, merely tied up in paper, in their own portfolios, & in such case, send them on by steamer addressed to me at Cary & Co. without delay, as I

shall hope now to get on with my Job; but if you do not care to risk them, or think it not worth while to send them on, you need not trouble yourself to write, as I shall so infer if I do not receive them this Week – I think I have already stumbled upon a little matter of interest to you – in the Grass way. I find a little thing, from Lindheimer, Tex. which you have marked "new genus" – It is a very queer looking plant with short distichous leaves, much like those of an Abies – ~~Perry~~ you may remember it, by this (description?) Well, I find the same thing, without flowers, among the valuables you got from Hooker's herb. merely marked – "Rio Brazos 1833" – (I suppose one of Drummond's) & you have endorsed on it, in pencil, Cloanthes – Nees – I do not find the genus in Kunth, but you no doubt can look it up, & will not now, either make an Egyptian mummy of yourself, by publishing Lindheimer's Plant as new, nor suffer our friend Engelmann to do so – I may have other things to say, by & bye, as I sort the Species together, prior to the pillage, which has not yet commenced. I received to day a very handsome, gentlemanlike letter from Chapman – It appears that Mr Curtis had written to him, on my behalf, which I did not know, & on my return from Cambridge I wrote to him, enquiring as delicately as possible, whether he would be willing to collect for me, on a large scale, & to name his terms. To this he replies "I am almost offended with you for "the hint even that for one instant I should be found "behind the foremost in a tender of whatever my little "herb. contains – Immediately upon the receipt of your "favor of August (in which I told him I should not begin again!) my first ~~impulse~~ impulse was to offer you "my Herb. entire – But, upon reflection I concluded to "divide it with you, & I went over all the orders "laying out one Specn where there were two, & "the last one even, when there was a prospect of "obtaining another – The Selectn comprises, I believe, "about 750 Spp. of Florn plants" – He then goes on to say that he abandons Botany, at least for the present, & is about removing, with his family to Apalachicola, which will be his future residence & address – He was disappointed in the expectations of remuneration from his shipments to Engld. of last year, & says, "I now bid adieu to the fair realms of Flora, in "which I do much delight to rove, to mingle in the "turmoil of business & the strife for gain" – I have only further room to tell you what I know will gratify you, that Mr Curtis has also written me a most friendly letter, advising me that he has sent me on a box with 450 Spp. & that he had made it his business to write to Chapman – Prof. Carpenter – Lapham & Short – This is really very gratifying & brings almost as much pleasure as the accumulation of the plants will do by & bye – I hope – He is so very friendly

Have you heard from Engelmann? I have not, nor have I, as yet, sent him on my list of Linnæan plants –

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NEW YORK

I have but little to say of myself – I continue very feeble – To-day I mounted a horse, & merely walked him for 3/4 of an hour, which caused me to perspire profusely, & I felt much exhausted & fatigued! However, if I can, I mean to persist in riding for an hour, every other day, or so, as I can bear it – I beg my kind regards to your brother, & am My dear Doctor, Very truly Yr Jno Carey

Wed.y Morng. 10 Dec.r

My dear Doctor, Your last letter, & the supplementary package of Plantaceæ, reached me, in due course, & having now completed my Job, I purpose sending home your treasures, tomorrow, Thursday & will add by which line of boats, by the bye, when I have been down town – I shall address the 2 Boxes to you, to the care of Mr. Adams, & shall inclose the shipping receipt to that gentleman, lest any mischance should prevent your Express man from calling for them – If the People at the Boat require the production of the receipt, you will of course tell the Man to call on Mr. Adams for it – And now, before going further, let me heartily thank you, my kind friend, for the choice pickings which your collections have afforded me, indeed my Gram. & Cyp. are now quite respectable – I remember you, or Torrey to me a story of Le Conte sending his herbm to Paris, to be arranged, with the understanding that the Parties were to have the Sup.s for their trouble; & he complained that they sent back the papers all arranged, & cabbaged all the Specimens – But these were Frenchmen, & I hope you will fare rather better in having committed your treasures to the mercy of an Englishman – Indeed I feel my Conscience tolerably easy, in the matter, & believe that you will find a little bit left, of most things – And now further for the Book. Trichochloa cap.s must come in, as also Carex Muhl. from N. H. Dana. also remember that Barratt finds Panicum amarum, somewhere in Conn.t. Your Specimens are from the South – Amongst the Gram. incog. see a very queer thing from Texas – You put it with your Festuca, but I think it is a Grass – It flowers well, in some diseased state – I want a Microscope, & as I mean to have a good one, when I buy, I fear I must wait awhile. Panicum from Mydos Pa. collected by me, very like one you got from Seneca Lake – Here? Genus Eragrostis wants looking to – I suspect that what we call E. (Poa) pilosa runs into some large

Here I to be back too pleased & thankful if Miss Clay would explain & collect for me, in her Specimens are very the at Bond – Please commencing for much Spring. The m where the Spring, at

Southern forms, of which you brought Specs from England — "Poa pilosa" of the Geyer plants, is something quite different — I have put you in one of my Specs — Poa modesta of our friend E.S. will be, I think, an alpine form of Elliott's P. tenuis, & perhaps all running into P. capillaris, but I think not, tho' your English friends have got the latter for Elliott's plant — My "hobbery with Booker, & by anticipation with you" about Rehmelia, is because he unites R. pennsyl. & R. truncata, with Sira obtusata, making one Spec. only (R. gracilis) of the 3, whereas you agree to let the latter stand distinct — However, you will have to look into the matter, shortly, as I collected both this & R. cristata in Penns.a & you have my Specs — When working for Lindheimer remember that our Eragrostis conferta is E. hepalantha Trin (fide Spec. Brazil ex Bong.) also Cyperus Drummondii, is, I think, similar to a plant you have from Surinam (Schw.) without a name, but doubtless published, in which case Torr. & Hook. will not stand — The strange Texas Grass (Claanthes) is in the package marked "Gram. exot. & quibusd. ignot." — I send Geyer's Gentiana achrol. — it is in a package at the top of the Horizontal Box — also I return Phalangium croceum, which is Baldwin's plant — See remarks — I am glad to see that my Brother has got Doubleday's Andromeda, indeed, more than I had, but, with one exception, his are the young shoots, in flower, but with small leaves, not showing the rhomboid shape — It is very near A. nitida, & may be, as DC places it, a var. only, of A. coriacea (what is the type?) — It seems to differ from A. nitida in having less acute leaves & much fewer flowers, only 2 or 3 together — There may be microscopic char.s about the anthers or floral envelopes, which I have not the means of ascertaining — Call & see Sam's Andromeda before you go to Buffs — He will be glad to see you — I was much pleased with the little set of Rub. Am. Species of Cassiope which you kindly sent me, & for which, with the other emptyings of my Pigeon-hole, my best thanks are due — The habit of Cassiope bears out the genus well — I do not like Lenobia, as it stands in DC nor, very much, Cassandra, tho' I should hardly know what to do with it — I am doubtful whether Chapman's A. rhomb. belongs to A. ferrug. Is it not probably Lyonia rigida — Nutt? I used, (if I remember rightly) to consider it as a probable form of L. ligustrina — Look at it again — What is Nuttall's L. foundosa? If course you bear in mind, that I have no sort of authority for thinking Doubleday's plant the true A. rhomb. tho' it well answers the descrip.n of Pers. as given by Ell. — Write me a few lines to set my mind at rest, as to the safe arrival of the Boxes, & at same time, if you have any further remarks as to what you wish me to say at Buffs. please let me have them, as I think of starting in about a Week — I am still quite feeble, & recover very slowly, if at all — No plants have come in, as yet, but I had a kind letter, to say, from Short, who will look me up a lot of Western things this Winter, & send them on when Navig.n opens, in the Spring — I am getting fidgetty about Curtis' Box, which ought to have reached me towards the close of October! I have written to him about it — Did I tell you that I wrote, at once, to your Penn.a Quaker? He writes nothing — but will no doubt, "do the needful" — I have seen nothing of Torrey, since we parted — I called once at the College, but he was not there — That, however, was before I was at Boston, indeed very shortly after the Doctor kindly called to see me at my Brother's house, but I was very unwell & had gone to bed — I shall make another effort to see him before I leave the City — I do not know his College days, or haunts —

unnecessary paper, especially as you will so soon consign them to my Lord Quer, & all that is needed, in the meantime, is a little care !! Some few things had no labels or indication of their whereabouts - You will find many errors, doubtless, but, in general, I hope I have succeeded in bringing allied forms together so as to be useful - Once again, accept my hearty thanks, & with very kind regards to your brother, who has, I hope, "gone up" ere this

I am truly Yrs. Jno Carey

The packages in the upright Box, are compressed very tightly, & had better be taken out, at once - All the papers are in that Box - I send by the Post two Wrappers & Bills - Book & Wrapper are

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10 CTS

I observe my last was wrong directed, but why if I was careless, should the people at the P.O. be boobies? It seems there is such a place as Harvard, (which I knew not) but is there a Cambridge Univ.? there? or still less, a Prof.r Gray? Your Syl. of lectures I think very good - I do not doubt but that they will be very interesting - I should like to hear them - I have been very cautious in keeping all your specimens distinct, but there are so many different sizes of paper, that when you open the 63 middles, you must tie them up again with care - I did not wish to add to the size of the packages by

remaining Stock of Courage, to keep from off the bed, during the day – I am excessively feeble, & some days hardly able to walk without difficulty – The Doctor says he does not yet despair of me, but admits that he is disappointed at my continued prostration – He now thinks, that there is some derangement in my liver! for which he has been giving me powerful medicines to my great annoyance – Thus much of my poor Self & now to your valued letter before me –

Gentiana ochroleuca – I shall look at carefully – I have not yet unpacked what you gave me – the Specn from the Garden is, I remember, in seed only – There is, what purports to be G. ochroleu. amongst the Seed Plants, which must be examined –

And now of the Book – I like the plan very much, but am only fearful that you cannot have time enough to produce it in a State worthy of your present name & standing. The Apetalæ & Endogens have got to be studied, & in the Glumaceæ there is a vast deal of entangled syn. to be cleared up – As to my proposed Cooperation, independently of any small service it might be to you, it would afford me much pleasure, in other respects – I should like to be working with you, & Oakes too, if he is to take a part – But the thing is impossible – My future partner is getting very impatient to have me at Buffo & I have only just succeeded in quieting him for a few weeks, by representing to him the infirm state of my health – About 4 weeks hence, if I am able, I must go to him, & shall spend

If ~~leisure~~ time permits I would come on to you, with much pleasure, as I have no books now, & shall have to work in your Study, unless I could borrow them from the Lyceum Library here. — However, the thing, as you see, is impracticable. I will mention, whenever I write, whatever quiddities strike me, in connexion with this Book, as memoranda, when the time comes — to begin, there is the little set of Polygala to set straight — Mr. Cardamine teres (on Lake Champlain) the Carex I spoke of in C. laxiflora as it occurs in N. J. & will be a new one, I think. also your & my track C. convida — & C. pauciflora. In your Collect. is a scrap of Avena Pennsyl. from Herb. Schreb. as the lin. pl. — If that is authority we get rid of one Spec. as I doubt not it is identical with A. flavescens. I know not which is the older name, I hope the latter, as it wd be awkward to have the Europ.n plant (rarely found here) called A. pens.a! Work up my handsome Polygonum from Bell. Falls Mount.n N. H. — There is a Swamp full of it there — It is a fine tall Spec. 4 — 6 ft. high with nodding Spikes like P. Orientale, but the colour of the flower is less bright — look at some mem.m I shall make in your herb. under Poa modesta — Tuck. — I would keep those water grasses in Glyceria, & for myself, should incline to keep Eragrostis distinct from the true Poa or, at any rate, as a marked Section — Festuca merges in Bromus, as much as Eragrostis in Poa — me judice — I do not like the plan of having the Bk. bound up with the text Book — It should be thin as possible, for the pocket — In the field, we only want a reference — I would rather have the thinnest paper, (to be strong) & the book with small margin bound with Tuck or Clasp, for the pocket, with a sort of pocket to put tickets of paper, & if you like a hole for a Pencil — This would make a real "working Man's" Book — I had my Latin Smith's Compend.m bound so, in England, & found it very handy indeed —

I find my letter has run out to a great length, but I have yet a word, requiring your attention — In the letter rec.d from Chapman from which I quoted a paragh to you, he requests me to forward to him a certain "Box of Europ.n plants left with Wiley & Putnam's nearly a year ago, by Dr. Gray" defraying expt. &c. Now "Oily" after several days spent in research says he finds no such box! Can you therefore describe it, in any way, so as to give us a Clue to it? I wish to send it to Chapman, if possible, or he may think I am indifferent which, after his friendly attention to my wants, would grieve me much — I have a very kind (short) letter from Engelmann — He said that Mr. Sp. made a mistake as to the Geyer plants, & he instructed them to sell them for $6 & I took one, accordingly — There are some mistakes, in the plants, which I have submitted to Engelmann. He says, "I shall be happy if you will permit me to assist you with what Duplicates I can spare in the formation of at least the beginning of new botanical Collect. I intend to select in the next few months (better than E. T.'s 2 or 3 yrs.!) a set of our western plants, & of those Texan plants of which I have Dup.s, & which are not contained in No. 19 of Lindheimer's Collect. & send them to you" — When you see or write Mr. Olney, tell him I duly received, & thank him for his letter, & have addressed his friend Dr. Vasey, as he suggested — I have just room further to trouble you with my kind regards to "my Lord High Guer" & to Oakes if you are meeting him, & for the rest, believe me

Very truly, yr. obliged frd
Jno Carey

If you are busy only send me 2 or 3 lines, to direct our friend "Oily" in his search —

I am afraid it will be some 10 or 12 days yet before I send back your treasures — it is a long job, getting the specs. together, & I work very feebly & slow

Bank Street
Saturday Morng.

Can it be, my dear Doctor, that I have misunderstood your meaning as to the two bundles of Gram. & Cyp. recently turned up? You say "I will send them on to you the coming week, if you do not forbid" — or, as I supposed, unless I wrote to the contrary; but as the week has now elapsed, & they are not at hand, I write to day, in the celebrated phrase of the old Lord-Mayor — let 'em come — I am not afraid of them — However, please <u>lose no time</u> in despatching them, as my Partner is growing impatient & has sent me another Summons to Buffo. — I had your Collect. all ready for packing, last Thursday, but now wait to incorporate the remainder — as to leaving them here until my return from Buff. I would not do it, on any account — It would make me miserable, & I should, in my dreams, see them burning — As it is, every time I hear the fire bell, at night, I think of your treasures, with anxiety, & wish them safe at home. By the way, I learn, to my dismayance, that I cannot consign them to you, by the "Freight line" all the way to Cambridge (at least Mr. W. H. Cary tells

me he thinks it would not be safe to do so) & that they had better be received by some one, at Boston. Please, therefore, send me the name & address of your friend there (which I have forgotten) to whom I may consign the Boxes. I am very sorry that I cannot save you all further trouble, in the matter, but as it is, I suppose your Butcher friend, will "do the needful" in the matter of transporting them. I shall, of course, attend to your wishes, with much pleasure, when at Buffo. — Many thanks to Mr. Sullivant. You will, of course, name go fine pt. to him, as my address. I would not like his contributions to be sent to Buffo.

Really our friend Ed. Tr. is a narrow-minded fellow. All his specimens (which you last sent on) have some remark annexed, intended to impress a sense of value & obligation on the recipient. They are labelled "fine" "Opt." "good fruit" &c. &c. in a way I never saw before. Well, do you know, that in a recent letter, from Dewey, I am informed as follows "I have just rec.d a letter from T. & I see he intends to send plants to you. "He is a fine fellow & clever Botanist. I enjoy his correspondence "really" — Now this worthy gentleman, who thus chronicles his own liberality, is the only one of those who have addressed me, whose propositions (to be realized in 3 years!) are really of no value! How consistent are the phases of human character. The warm hearted & generous act, & say nothing about it. Others, like our friend, do nothing, & vaunt themselves in the achievement.

I quote further from Dewey, as follows, "What a splendid "work Dr. Gray has made the 2nd Ed.n of his Bot. Text Book. "It is a noble monument to his reputation" — !! Bene-optime. I read to Lily the part of yr. letter about Chapman's (parcel) & he promised to look into the matter. I have not since called to learn the result. I am glad of what you write about Cand.a rhomb. It will now go straight, no doubt. Gentiana In the Geyr plants are his G. ochro. a large species (looking like G. Andrewsii but with apparently yellow fls.) & a small one with a red stem which he calls G. rubricaulis. This has dark blue flowers, about the size of G. puberulum. I suppose it is the same plant, also, I may be the same as that in your garden of which I took the fruit. Of course, my specs are at your service, if you want them. I am not very much pleased at the new turn-up, about the Book. You will be between two fires, & our esteemed friend does not quite take your views, on several points. When he says "a mere Synopsis" he seems to imagine something like a Catalogue of species, but this will not do. They must be well defined, & closely approaching Spec. must be contrasted, briefly but characteristically. This is too much neglected in Elementary Floras. Cantonsome such remark as this follow the Char. in such cases? Resembles Ne( ) closely, but differs in the larger & more open panicle &c. &c. I should like something of this sort for a title. Field Botany

or

a Pocket Compend.m of the Plants of N. E. & Middle States of Ame.a being a guide to the practical botanist, in the Collec.n & know.e of Spec. &c.

I mean something whereby the handiness of a Pocket guide would be made to strike students. I think it would be rather newer, & more taking than your more usual sort of title.

his lively hopes of my recovery — I mean to let him timber me for about a fortnight more when I shall start for Buff: if able to do so — Having filled my paper, & taken a large five minutes from your Lecture preparation I have only further to trouble you with kind regards to your [illegible], & am truly yrs. Jno C.

Prof. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts
Harvard — Mass.

Mail Bag

Letter received since the within was written — shall be attended to —

look at Rebaulea (Kœleria) obtusata — I cannot agree to merge this with R. trunc. & R. penn. — you have lots of it, & it does not run into the latter, at all — Neither does your Herb. warrant the insertion of R. obtus. in the new Book. It is a Southern & Western grass — I also had plenty of it, but never from N. E. or the Middle States! If you are determined to follow Hooker in this matter, I protest, & appeal to Oakes, if he does the Gramina! — I continue very feeble, tho' Beales still agrees

New York
Friday Evening.

My Dear Doctor

I find by my London letters that your beautiful & elaborate volume has already attracted the notice of the most distinguished English Botanists – Dr Boott says "I have just received Gray's Genera & am highly honoured by his dedicating the Vol. to me. It is admirably done" – and afterwards remarks "Brown too was here, speaking highly of Gray's beautiful volume" Commendation from such a quarter is worth something, & not easily obtained – Your

Dr. Asa Gray
Cambridge.

own letters will probably have informed you of the welcome reception of your "Genera" in Europe but I take the opportunity of sending you the above short extracts from mine – As we shall be soon meet, I shall reserve all I have to say on Botanical matters, I only beg my best respects to Mrs. Gray.

I am Dr. Doctor
Yrs. very truly
Jno Carey

Prof. A. Gray

Iris - sp.?

Sisyrinchium (large flowers) sp.?

List to be (carefully!!) filled up, with reference to the "Sample Cards", & returned to J. Carey.

1	Pentstemon -
2	Pentstemon? Gerardia fruticosa Pk.
3	Pentstemon
4	Do.
5	Do.
6	Do.
7	Do.
8	Castilleja
9	Do.
10	Do.
11	Do.
12	Pentstemon gracilis?
13	Castilleja
14	Do.
15	Eriogonum

16	Eriogonum	29	Lupinus ~~sericeus Lind?~~ or L. argenteus. ~~Pl.~~ L. argenteus suppose. — I venture to or perhaps sericeus
17	"	30	L. ~~nivis, Douglas~~? holosericeus - Nutt. ? ~~? lepidus or meant it, but the pubes a silky.~~
18	"	31	L. leucophyllus, Lindl. ~~L. albicaulis~~
19	"	32	L. laxiflorus - Douglas. yes. I think.
20	(?) Polygonacea.	33	Labiatae. not rec? from raw. but in the Washington det.
21	Polygonum		Labiate plant - with large capitate Verticils like Monardella. What?
22	Gilia - near G. Hookeri		Collinsia ? not - tenella Nutt -
23	Gilia ?		Amaranthus - small whitish leaves.
24	Collomia		Tall red Gilia like G. coronop. with tomentose leaves
25	No. 80 of Geyer - not in Spalding (Polemoniacea ?)		Same as last (?) with viscid leaves.
26	Astrag. glareosus Dougl. ? yes.		Navarretia (?) with ~~tomentose~~ arachnoid leaves.
27	Astrag. Drummondii ? - but ovary pubescent! A. racemosus - Ph ? Sent to Mr. Burke.		Same as last (?) but smaller + with smooth leaves
28	Oxytropis deflexa - β. sericea ? = a new Astragalus. also in Expl. Exped. to be named by Torr.		Ulmaceae (?) only in flower - Celtis ?

[illegible] today [illegible] letter of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Mai[illegible]

[illegible] Jan

[illegible]

[illegible] "Lived".

[illegible] Dou[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "Oh! [illegible]"

[illegible]

[illegible] Get [illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] Have been rather "thin" as to
health but very happy in the getting of Mr. J. & the
dear girls — [illegible] have only one [illegible] present — [illegible]
[illegible] by a [illegible] on Mr. W. [illegible] or, with
[illegible] acquaintance [illegible] — I am not
yet ~~recovered~~ [illegible] of [illegible]
I expect [illegible] to-night will [illegible]
[illegible] — Yrs. with [illegible] love

C.

Saturday, Noon -

My dear Gray -

I wrote you a long letter some 3 or 4 days since, in reply to your last, & with some (valuable!) remarks on Spating's Kooskooskey Compositæ -

I now return you, with many thanks, the 3 numbers of Hook. Lond. Jour. Bot. which you will need in studying some of Spating's plants - I have made one or 2 pencil memo.ª respecting which I hope you will (at some time or another) consult your foyer specimens, & tell me how the matters stand - I once asked you, I remember, (tho' I do not remember to have received an answer to the Qy.) What is Pappocratia Mx. seeing that it is not Dragrost. Spectabilis - Ph -

The last steamer brought me a few lines from our friend Brott (forwarded thro' some Boston worthy, to me unknown, as the Post mark indicates) wherein he says that by a packet ship

not yet arrived he has "sent me a parcel of Carices," & hopes I shall "find some of them valuable." "Dear Hooker furnished most of them"!!

Now don't hang yourself, even tho' it does seem likely that I shall have a better Collec.n of the Spec.s of this genus than the celebrated "Fisher Professor &c. &c." — What with enlightening said Professor's Coll.n & now Torrey's, & lastly with Boott's & "Dear Hooker's" additions to all these ☺ — But no matter, keep up your spirits, as you best may, against the great Cay of your life — Kindest love to the Dear Lady, & believe me Affy yrs.

Gray

I say Torrey, by mere accident, 2 days since, & only for a few moments — He looked well, & appeared to be in good spirits — When you are writing, say that these Mun.s of Hook. Jour. reach you safely —

Prof.r A. Gray.

To Mrs Gray!

New York - Thurs. 7 Morng.

My dear Mrs Gray - I avail myself of the fly-leaf of my despatches to your Lord to thank you for your short, but welcome letter of the 19th & more especially for your renewed, most kind invitation to Cambridge - I do assure you that it would afford me much pleasure to be with you - but, really, I am such a poor feeble creature, at present, that I should feel myself to be a nuisance, even at the Gov. Gov. forbearance would not, I feel well assured, be at any time wanting - I must, however, live in the hope of making you a visit at some future time, when my knees do not, as at present, totter beneath my weight - Should that time ever arrive - I am glad that Mr Adams made you a friendly visit, for really, I thought what you told me something marvellous - In a recent letter to Dr Gorney I took occasion to tell him that you & Dr G. were dodging about all Monday morng., when here, in the vain endeavour to see Mrs G. - I beg my best respects to your good father, & family, & am Dear Mrs G.

Yr. much obliged & aff. Harry

Paid. Free charge to Mr. Potter
Prof. A. Gray
Harvard Univ.
Cambridge.
Massachusetts.

last you will please to fill in, & return to me — observing however, that I do not wish it done, the last thing at night — when you are too sleepy for any thing else — nor whilst Joe (or whoever may now be your messenger) is waiting to take your letter to the post — but deliberately, & whilst you are working at the respective (only 4 or 5) genera — If you make out a complete list of the spading plants — which I suppose you will do — wouldst not a certain dear little lady make me a copy of it? It may be that I could read this, as well as the original — or better (?) I will inform you wherein your views of the Schrophs. differ from Torrey's — when I get your return — & his! You will note that the samples extend to No. 33. but there are 10 other queries, on the list, to be filled in. Every thing is "cut-&-dried" for you requiring only the specific name to be filled in — except where I may have erred as to the genus — This I believe is all I have to say of the spading plants —

In the "Manual" I find mention of Echinodorus as a "restituted" genus — Surely the English of restituo is to restore & not to restitute — It is well that "we" did not notice this when commenting on the jargon of Latin English —

I am not satisfied with Acnida — It belongs to Amaranthaceae — Has the polished seed, & char.rs I think — Indeed I think it is a mere Amaranthus, but certainly it must go wherever A. tamariscinus is placed — As to the bracts &c. what are they in fact — but "undeveloped" flowers? or, at least the normal position for the flowers, which some species have a greater or less tendency to develop — I have, from Oakes what he calls "Chenopod. rubrum" only in flower, however, but the anthers are 3–5, occasionally

It is much too young to show whether the fruit wd be vertical or horizont. but I have little doubt it is your Blitum polymorphum, the Char.s of which appear to differ in nothing, but the number of anthers & form of fruit from your C. urticum L. as you cite "Oakes" for B. polymorph. I think he will have sent me the right plant as his "C. rubrum" & certainly the anthers vary very much, but are often 5! tho' sometimes 1-2 or wanting! & there are also barren flowers - clearly so - with 5 stamens, (or at least filaments) - often united at the base. This will want looking into for the (improved! & enlarged!!) 2d Ed.n

Platanthera psycodes } I do not say that these are not
fimbriata } species - but if they are, they must rest upon the arbitrary characters, without reference to the respective size of the flowers. I have from Olney a single specn of the large-flowered plant, labelled by him "O. grandifl." & from himself & others - specimens with very small flowers, labelled P. psycodes, but which have the long fimbriae to the labellum, sharper sepals, & "oblong petals fringe-toothed down the sides" - all of which belong to P. fimb.! I have also very good-sized flowers with the short fimbriae & other characters of P. psychodes.

I believe I am now through with my "Obs." for this time - all very valuable, & deserving of most respectful consideration - & by way of a hint, I will mention that I have a Mess Copy of my letter to you of the 14th & shall take one of this also - so that I shall detect every single instance in which my doubts or queries are left unresolved! I'd 'all settled "in black & white" with Wilkes. I hear nothing from Torrey. Affectly yrs. E.L.

New York, 7 Feby 1848.

My Dear Gray — I received your letter with the Nos. of Hook. Jour. on Saty Evenl. by which I regret to find that I have troubled you with one letter de trop. I never had Sign No. 45. but you sent me No. 44 which I will return, if you so desire — As you tell me that the Sheets of the Man. were "packing up" I suppose my application for the page commencing "Apetala", will have been too late — I shall wait a day or two's mail to ascertain, when, if not received, I shall copy out the page; & bind up my set — I see I owe you double thanks, as you intended the 2 copies for me — As to Dewey's letter, it seemed hardly worth the return postage, but you shall have it hereafter — As to my offence, it is laughable in a (mopeped) naturalist, & nothing more — He seems to think that Synonyy. is given to inform the public, from time to time, of the their state of the knowledge of certain individuals — I have any feelings but Anger towards such a Customer, & when my turn comes, shall write kindly & briefly, scarcely attempting to answer seriatim

what he may object to my doings – Of course, every thing differing from his own views, & as in the case of C. oligo. it takes a whole letter to explain I do not feel willing to write 20 or 30 on the species which I omit or put down – I have no seed of Cardiospermum halicac. but send you some from Thorburn's – I took the opportunity of talking to him about your forthcoming Gen. illust. & rather talked it up "a few" – He said he would get a Copy to keep in his Store, as it was a kind of work for which he was often asked, & which he felt assured would sell well – I trust his opinion will be well founded – Love to dear Jane, & many thanks for her kind note – I do not gain strength, I fear, & am horribly lame –

Yrs. Affec.y Jno. C.

No Isoyosurus in the Hookkoos.y set – I should have been on the qui vive, as I knew of the 2nd species – Advise me 2 or 3 days before you want the Hooker.

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

NEW YORK
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FEB

Tuesday Eveng. 20 Feby.

My dear Gray — The regularity of your proceedings is beyond all praise! This (Tuesday Aftn.) at 1½ P.M. I received — not only — your 2 little letters, under one cover, dated Friday 16 Inst.!! Of course, I am unable to avail myself of Cousin John's kind offer — to whom I wish a safe & pleasant voyage — And now as to Heward — Whose dog is he? But it matters not, in the present case, it being enough for me to know that you would "like to oblige him"; & he shall have all I can muster — good, bad, & indifferent. I have, I believe, a few specimens of the very fine sort, to which you allude, but I fear of only 2 or 3 species — And now, "perpend my words — Oh! Signor". Would be like duplicates, or several of the same species? Shall I send them in a parcel to Boott, directed to Mr Heward? Or shall I send them on to you? I shall not be able to look them out for a week or so, I fear; as it will take me some time to rummage over all my ferns, & add bunches of duplicates, & I am now daily expecting my John who will spend a week here, during which time I shall be idle or nearly so, I suppose — He is now, I believe, at your metropolis, but as his visit is one of business, he will probably not have time to make you a visit, though it is possible that he may do so — On Saturday week, in the eveng. (say 10th) I was prodigiously surprised by a visit from Brother Charles — who brought me your package of plants, for which many thanks — On the Sunday I called at his Hotel, but found him from home — & on Monday morning, in the midst of a snow storm, he very kindly called to bid me good bye — I gave him a letter to an

old Bellows Falls chum — Cash.r of the Bank there — who is one of the Vermont Delegation, & will, I hope be civil to him at Washington — I regret exceedingly, that I could not make him a guest at Murray street, but they are all in trouble there — Mrs C. has just lost her youngest sister — Mrs J.B. Arden — who has left six young children — & in addition to this affliction, they have the measles in the house — I received the "to be continued" part of Pl. Fendl. by mail, & gather that the "continuation" may, or may not come out this year — Many thanks for the "Balsam. Cand." — Truly, I little dreamt of such a commen.n of my labour — I see you take up my new Calais — also my new Ptilosp. & the var. but what have you done with the queer Asteroid thing which I wrote you about? near to Stenotus, I thought it — I see nothing like it in your Spalding Cat. unless it be the pencil (interposed) "Erigeron filifolium, but yellow rays" — Now, can this be my plant? If so, & we cannot keep the homochromous asters together, why we shall soon be in a real fix — & no mistake — yellow Erigerons — to be kept clear of Chrysopsis, Aplopappus — Stenotus &c — Oh! Doctor — Doctor — scratch me out that yellow rayed Erigeron, or I shall say of you as the Oxford magnates said of him. that you are the young (?) man who confounds all Botany —

Did your Mr Wright collect Isolepis Drummondii Torr. & Hook. in Texas? If so, look me out a nice spec.n I want one — When Brother Charles returns I shall send by him a few Carices which I have but indifferent specimens of in your Collec.n Taken as a whole, I am prodigiously pleased & satisfied with my own — now that they are arranged — Did Wright bring on any more of my (proposed) C. ~~leucochlora?~~ chlorolenca?

To say I passed an hour with Torrey — & I grieve to say that I found him looking very poorly — He had passed a sleepless night having been suffering great agony from aching teeth, which induced him to take a considerable quantity of Laudanum, & he was under its effect when I saw him — The pain in his teeth was neuralgic, he says, & he burnt a large piece on the outside of his cheek, as a counter-irritant — Altogether he seemed very badly, poor fellow — tho' the agony had passed off — I shall see him again tomorrow —

If your "sticking lady" should be flying down your foreign Cyperaceæ — I wish you to lay out for me a piece of what you may have under the names of Scirpus } Bæothryon L. } Synon. from Kth.
Eleoch. } pauciflorus, Lightf. } Synon. from Kth.
campestris — Kotth. } Synon. from Kth.
multicaulis — Sm. } Synon. from Kth.

I strongly suspect that the Eleoch. rostellata — Torr, is this very plant! & if so, I will straighten it out for your 2nd Ed.n man. — if you bear in mind that I now write you — We have frightfully cold weather — & "any quantity" of snow — within the last 2 or 3 days, however, I have felt more comfortable, tho I am rather flat, than otherwise — Sam bears this winter infinitely better than the last, I bless God — I rejoice exceedingly also to learn from Brother Chas. & your last note let, that the wee-wife is doing well — May God bless & prosper you both

Do not forget my queries as to Barnard's Species when you write next.

Offy Yrs. Inl.

Dr. Asa Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

Mr. Charles Darwin's & this are friends
Darwin is writing to me have seen a
Bridge by tracking up the B handbill
in one hand.

Mr. Charles Darwin
Care of Dr. Asa Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts

Monday 6 Mar. /48.

My dear Joey—

Your's of 2nd reached me on Saty. Evg too late for the mail. I know not how the Dr. & C.r letter &c. may have stood between us, but it is rather remarkable that on Saty. I sat down to write to Oakes (from whom I had 2 manus.r lts.) & your goodself; but sickness & severe pains in the nerves of the head (Fic dol.) drove me to my bed after completing the first of them — I send you the best I can do in the Stipulicida way — The Carpels are burst, but I see there are seeds (I hope some perfect ones) remaining — At all events I have no better, but my eyes will not enable me just now to judge as to the sufficiency of what I send you. I have no Leptinia, in any state — What I had, prior to the conflagration, was from Nuttall —

Within the last few weeks we have had renewed anxiety & sorrow in the family — Do you remember Mrs Depeyster, the mother of my brothers' wife? — She was very suddenly attacked with the prevalent typhoid pneumonia, which carried her off at the expiration of 3 weeks — Her immediate death was extremely lingering, tho' I trust not painful — I passed the last 26 hours in her room, the family being all worn out with long previous watching — For several days she was speechless, & apparently senseless; & for the last 3 or 4 was considered by the Physicians (Drs Hosack & Rogers) to be actually dying, from hour to hour! She expired, at last, without a struggle, her extremities having been dead & cold for several hours previous.

She was a kind & gentle spirit, & will be much missed in the small circle, in which she moved – I attended her remains to the Highlands (opp.ᵗ W. point) where they were conveyed for interment – Whether I have caught the severe cold I now have, I cannot say; but I have been very poorly ever since, & quite unfit for exertion either of mind or body – Indeed, I may say, that I am very low, & I often doubt whether it consists with the will of God that I shall ever get up again – I have had very little trouble from the bleeding, lately, but my nervous system is so greatly prostrated, that in some shape or other, I am continually suffering inconvenience – Hence, a more cold, settled in my head, has laid hold of the nerves, about the eyes & temples, & causes me great pain, at intervals – But, no more of my poor worn-out body – Would you believe that I am not yet in possession of my "Manual" which I sent to the Rogue of a binder 2 or 3 days after you so kindly forwarded it to me? So it is, however, & tho' I have stirred him up many times, he always finds some excuse – I have not had (& do not expect to receive) a Copy of Lucherman's Lichens, from his liberal (!) hand – If therefore you can control a set of the sheets please let me have them; if not, purchase for me that number of the Acad. Proc.ᵍˢ – I have not the 17th nor yet the 10th D.C. as the fire only left me 4 vols. of myself, & I have not since been able to afford to complete them. I will talk to Thorburn about the Manual, when I am able to creep about a little – I am sorry for what you say about Chapman's herb. fearing that straightened circumstances must have induced him to offer it for sale – I should find it a very great meal myself

I saw the pangs of our Roch.ᵉʳ friend, in the last Silliman – Truly he "takes beat all"! If the Sartwell plant be a var. of R. oliga. where & what is the type? – But – Marvel of marvels! he writes me that he has "looked over" my work "with no little satisfaction" & has "no doubt of its favourable reception" adding "I do not know but the plan is as nearly perfect as can now be expected"!!! Of course he reserves his own views, wherein we differs (pretty frequently) but this "will not detract from the great merit of the work"!!! Then follows the recital of his "wrongs" in my quotations of his old names &c. which has more of the pathetic than the indignant about it – I mean to write him very gently, on the subject, & to make no more issues with him, since it is plain that our general views on Nat. Hist. are totally different – He is a good man, I believe, but with jealous excitability on the subject of his Botanical (!!) reputation – and – I cannot altogether wonder at it! Leaving him, however, for better game, you will be pleased to learn that our good Scott says "You have done us excellent service in the manner in which you have clapped the Carices" x x x "I shall profit much from your sectional characters. I wish you, and my their fitness by ranging all the N. am. sp. under them – I have not seriously studied grouping of late & when I do I shall closely examine your Sections. By the time your work goes to a 2ᵈ ed.ⁿ I will have some suggestions ready for your consid.ⁿ" x x He gives valuable information & criticism as usual – I shall send you his letter when opport.ᵗʸ offers – By the way do not forget that you have not yet sent me your Obs. on the 2 last, which you said I was to have – when you find time!!

I am pleased (that astonishes Lee) to find that all our botanical & collecting friends seem well satisfied with my work, tho differing so essentially from their former "mumpsimus" – I believe all but Sartwell have written to me – Doctor Oakes I have had 2 letters – He & Olney speak in very strong terms of approbation – Kneiskern – Varey – Mead, also express satisfaction – I find that "mumpsimus" is by "gentle Jesse" called a "mumpsimus" – Hooker is pleasing – Torrey & Asa Gray are in raptures – Hooker is pleasing with N. A. Bot. generally but is opposed to some of Chapter Bottie which he says "is worse than it was" (& 4 others, he said.) Torrey says it will not be exactly what we shall desire – I merely erased an elaborate bunch of the Bottie which he had added one to read Carex, & gave it back with the simple remark that we have probably other same parts of this genus. Asa Gray thought it a miserable ship-job, for a Chem. of his reputed education – All of this is, of course, strictly confidential – I told him that a readable article in the N. Am. Rev. could only be made by taking up, & treating N. Am. Bot. from Early Copy, which I gave to me in my hand in connection with the completion of Fl. Pl. which I then kindly expected to live to do. He said that Dr. had also expressed to him plain to him, & remarked to faithfully from me the necessity of the most full information as to the last author & the thing I told him it must be cleared, & carefully worked up but from what I have seen of his Lichen Compilation I greatly doubt whether he N. A. Rev. would find it succeed – I to your Descriptions with great pleasure that our friend Joyce to a certain is pleasing & otherwise it is a further convincing proof to me that Joyce is a good friend, the best of companions & advisers in the matter that I will not allow you to stay, (tho I might) for the more I look & talk with you & Dr. Torrey & Dr. Gray & all I have said I have very highly value it, as you well know, & have avoided the adding of Generally for the reputation of the Rev. Formerly operated to run with some confidence, viz. that our present great Sectional Chars. indicate natural groups; & that hereafter something like them (I do not go beyond that) will be received by common consent – Were it otherwise, some of our above cited friends w.d not like or understand an arrangement so different from that to which they have been accustomed – Wherein it is natural, it commends itself to them at once.

I believe there is one point in National politics on which we think quite alike — an aversion to enlarge the area of Slavery — and judging from the course of Events, & the treaty now before the Senate, there seems no chance of security on this important subject, either by the "Wilmot Proviso" or otherwise — What think you?

I pray you, my dear Gray, to excuse this rambling incoherent letter, as my head is in much pain — but I wished to send you all my little news, since I last wrote — I should beg you not to work too hard at the Genera, but that I feel you have so delightful a debasement at Boston; that you will needs find (many?) hours of relief — I doubt not but that Sprague is already far ahead of most of our sai-disant botanists. I hope he will stick steadily to the job.

Kindest love in the Square, believe me

Yrs. affy Jno C.

I have not seen Torrey for some time — His family have returned to N. J. Holton says. I have not touched the Koaskoaskys, nor any thing else lately —

Grey Jaws Wright

C. Plantation Kane

Prof. A. Gray Bot.

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This is one of the outside sheets of a half ream of very cheap writing paper, & hence I suppose I ought not to complain of its being torn & greasy! tho' perhaps not the better in either respect [redacted] still it may make better lamp-lighters, from the latter quality!

St Louis April 29 1848

My dear Dr

Yours of April 17 reached me a few days ago. I immediately went on translating Kurz's paper and added a few notes to it, all of which I hereby send to you, for any use you may want to make to it. Perhaps it would be well to publish it, with some further notes by you or Tuckerman. —

Wislizenus' paper is out now, at least the botanical part, which I received the other day. You have got it no doubt.

You must have got my letter of April 18th crossing yours. Fendler has left here, shall not go, at least not this season.

I sent three boxes with seeds & Fendler & Lindheimer sets and one of the Mead pkgs — 3 in all — to Cincinnati, Toledo, Buffalo and per railroad to Boston; I was told it was so much cheaper than express and not much longer. Hope you have got every thing now — but if you say so, I will in future send such things always by express. — The other 2 large boxes with Fendlers

sets were sent in the same way directed to Lowell, one for you the other for England. Tell me how long they were under way & what the Expenses were, so that we can judge in future. — The route by Neworleans is represented as being much the longest, though not much cheaper, besides the danger of moisture. — Your manual has not reached me as yet. — Goods from Boston & New York for here, send by N Orleans are mostly 5-6 weeks under way, sometimes longer, two months etc. —

I ought to have sent Lowell some more of Fendler sets. It will be done as soon as he wants it. — I refer you to my last letter in this respect.

I have seen Nuttells synopsis — only 12 plants from New Mexico but including some of Fendler species. Will he shortly publish more?

If Silliman publishes Runges paper we ought to have 50 or 100 copies of it — a number of them for Runge himself.

Yours truly

J Engelmann

They want me to take the chair of Mat. medica & therap. in one of our schools here; I probably shall accept. — At first it will take up much of my time, but afterwards less.

My Dear Gray — Monday Morn'g 22 May /48.

I wrote you a long letter on Friday, telling you that the "Article" was completed & should be sent to you towards the close of the present week — After dinner, of the same day, I set to work making fair copy, & bearing in mind how you worried poor Sullivant for his Mss. — at least 6 mos. before you needed it! I concluded, with respect to my own performance, that "If 'twere well done, when 'twere done — then, 'twere well it were done quickly". Accordingly, I worked hard that night, & yesterday Morn'g. rose before the Sun, & was actually writing before 6 o'clock! & from that time until ½ past 8 o'clock, in the Evening. I never laid down my Pen — except for breakfast & tea — Dinner I had none — And as a consequence of all this labour — lo! you have my little offering to the Science of Botany — laid at the feet of the High Priest of the American Worshippers! "With reverence due & submission" — I resolved not to rest on Saty. night, until the last clause was copied; which having transcribed, I felt in the condition of the man, who, on finding the watch of his sniping son, in the paunch of a shark, exclaimed — Now my hearts at Ease! And now, before you begin to read, I may as well let you into the "Argument" of the very sublime composition that awaits your — unqualified commendations! Immediately on receipt of your letter, I went down to Wiley's & borrowed* of young Grant (for a single evening) the last No. of the N. Am. Rev. that by copying out a page of the text, I might "take measure" for my Effusion — On looking it over I noticed a short Educational article (The Boston Pub. Schools) and as this fell in with the first part of my Plan — which I previously named to you — I resolved — by incidental reference to it — to make ~~this~~ mine a sort of serial continuation of the subject, but with special application — My thoughts then taking this as the leading direction enabled me to write more freely on a subject we both have at heart — A higher standard of Botanical teaching — Better Books — & as a consequence — better tutors

* This was a shabby enough beginning — but I could not afford to pay $1/35¢ for the mere purpose of measuring my Mss. with its type.

That was my design, & as I could conscientiously recommend, as tending to the end proposed, certain Books, enumerate at the end of the article - it suited my purpose well in other respects (!) But I have not "laid it on thick" - a la Hatton - but have taken a bold authoritative position - & claimed to judge - ex cathedra! - for those who need the information - What is the right sort of teaching, & which are the Books to be used - I have incidentally given some roughish words to the dishonest Manual-makers, of a certain School, & if the N. Am. Rev. is a work of extended circulation & influence in the distant parts of the Country - my article will do these gentry no good - while, incidentally, it may not hurt you. Our friend W—d, will not admire it - I kind-o-guess - nor, perhaps, certain learned Profs. whose recommend.ns form part of his (obtrusive?) advertisements - I have rather walked into them - two, in a good-natured way - But it is necessary - When I first began to arrange my thoughts I found some difficulties to be encountered - The genera illust. could not, by any possibility, have been reviewed alone, except in a review strictly confined to Nat. Science. That is quite certain - The "manual", alone, would have been a very dry affair, but in connection with the "Text-Book" - the only one of the three, having really quotable & (general) reviewable matter - I have, I hope, managed to give prominence to them all - In fact, I take some credit to myself for the way in which I have snipped up the prefaces of the two intractables - using the pieces as little gems to be set in my golden (don't say leaden, I pray you) frame work. There was literally no other quotable stuff about these two valuable books - You will see a hint I have thrown out (in perfect honesty) as to a cad. & Coll. taking the Gen. illust - I hope it may tend to "place" some copies - which I think like, on all accounts. The way I have managed the rich men - whilst rapping your knuckles for having a doubt as to their enlightened patronage - save the mark! is, I must need think, clever, & I only hope you may think it as neatly expressed as it is ingeniously conceived - I have meant in this place to do a bit of the Eloquent! & have used my Editorial "We" very patriotically! Alien-Englishman loquitur, quoad indignant-american-literatur! Oh! my beloved public! How you are humbugged! But you like it & use those best who quack you most! But my Sugar plums contain no poison - swallow them, sweet public! without any fear of the Stomach-ache. My plan did not require any positive, dry botanical remarks, but I have purposely, & as a matter of policy thrown in 2 or 3 very short hints, (in as lively a way as one can play the Hurdy-gurdy over a dead Cat) - My reason being this - Whilst taking the high ground of the master, & telling the Country fellows what they are to teach, & how they are to set about it, - both very needful - I wished to anticipate the ready query of "who made thee a judge"? by throwing in a word or two on subjects they would not understand, by way of evidence, that, if it suited us, "we" could talk some Botany they have not yet learned. I thought this necessary, & hope I have not draffed in my "Obs." otherwise than as a sort of botanical deliverance - It seemed incumbent on me to notice the Muscii & the Carices (!) as the work of alien hands - The last was a ticklish job - I hope you will think "we" have done fair justice to the author, & the subject - I made this a peg to hang one of my botan.l quiddities upon - since, as we know, "a man writes all the better for having some little knowledge of the subject on which he treats". You will notice a rather long quotation from a ladies' lecture of Darlington's & it arose in this way - After I had written my article, (measuring as I thought, not exceeding 21 pages) it occurred to me that I had not made any mention of the Sex - excepting once, & then only incidentally, as a settler in the woods - & I immediately said with our friend Whistlecraft "a fault like this must be amended" - when I remembered that I received from our friend Darlington 2 yrs. ago - some talk which he did up for the Dear Creatures of Wilmington, & I thought that a little pithy extract, if I could find one, would serve my turn, & save fresh brain-spinning. But

on reading the lecture I was struck with his rather elegant style; & above all with the fact that his teachings were very similar indeed to my own — so much so, indeed, that oddly enough, I had to expunge one of my own previously written sentences as being almost literally his words! It shows, at any rate, that there may be very unconscious plagiary — [redacted] Being a lecture (printed by request & not published) I thought that what I could not but [redacted] consider a good matter, well expressed, would be new to the readers of N. am. Rev. & answer my purpose especially well. I therefore wrote about 6 introductory lines, & inserted about 3 pages — of our friend Darlington's talk — in a very good, apropos place — This, therefore, has swelled the article to — possibly 25 pages — but I suspect not exceeding 23 or 24 — However I am a bad judge, & if they will not take it as it stands, I suppose the extract from Darlington, & my short introduction to it must be suppressed — but I would rather have it stand — unless indeed, you think I have no right to take such a liberty with a privately printed work — which I submit to you — to me it seems all right, in the way I have done it — I do not see how my own matter can be much curtailed without destroying the connection of the remarks which in a review I think important — However, if as I have said, I am to be fitted to my Procrustean Bed, I must beg you to see that they do not cut off my head if too long, nor draw out my entrails into mere fiddle-strings, if too short. In fact, since better may not be, I even commit the dear Bantling to your cherishing arms — but the authority I give you over it, is confined to combing the hair, & trimming the nails — (if need be, which I greatly doubt!) but I positively refuse you permission to exercise the inhuman craft of the Indian (Flathead) Mother, by squeezing its head into an unnatural shape.

It was impossible to say any thing of "The Flora" in connection with my general design, but I have "touched it off" in a few lines at the close – currente calamo – & I hope to your satisfaction – look carefully over the extracts from your works, to see they are vertatim, as I have had no one to read over the copy to me, whilst I compared it – You have now, thank God, some one at hand to do this for you – I hope you will find few errors in copying – but I was writing by steam! I dare say it will seem odd to you that the composition & transcribing of this small matter should have taken me 5 whole days & 1 Evening! but I assure it is a literal fact – & I have sat very close at it too – I hope the general strain of the article will be pleasing to you, tho' I, of course understand, that your conceit will affirm that you could have managed the detail far better – respecting which, I shall only say – & it is a serious truth – that I have taken a good deal of pains with it, that it might subserve the two ends I have had in view – to write up Botany, & make my friends' books go down with the public, as one of the best means of improvement – I allow myself to hope that the article may conduce a little both ways. I have also endeavoured to give our friend Sprague a "Shove" he being certainly one of that description of Christians for whom Dr R. Baxter, thought such discipline desirable – I have further essayed to make your peace as to change of names, in the manual, with our friends Short – Tartwell – Dewey? &c. &c. – If they read what I have written & understand it, you will probably be saved some explanatory letters – In fact, you will see several little matters, which, (being behind the Scenes) you will understand better than the "general reader" – You will notice the remarks about Symonds? – I refer to such as our last named friend.

When I commenced this letter, I intended to send it by mail that it might serve to "render advices" of the article which comes to you, by Adams' Express - But I have concluded that they shall travel together - to save you 5¢! I say to myself - He is now married! & these same 5¢ may serve to buy Dear Jeannie a pair of Shoe-strings - or, at all events, it will serve as a good practical hint to him that he is no longer to play the reckless & extravagant Bachelor - wrapping a quire of paper around a single Nosegay! (vide Mrs Dixwell on extravagance, passim) - It will therefore be incumbent upon you to give me the earliest information of the safe arrival of my Package, to prevent the (inevitable!) 5-pennyworth of enquiry which will otherwise be rapping at your Doors - And, after all - look at this long letter! which has taken me 2 or 3 hours to write. Is it not, in the abstract, deserving of some notice? Whereas I seldom receive anything more than the amount of ink, requiring to be absorbed prior to wiping the pen for graver matters - I do not say, more valued Correspondence (for I am not jealous - & believe myself to have my full share of your epistolary courtesies -) But you are so busy - No doubt - but am not I also a public teacher! & an author!! ? But you are also in love! Ah! that I am not - but - I wish I was! and above all were myself beloved!! Only one word more - & I have done - If, when my package arrives, you should be in one of your ordinary (!) crusty - snarly - cynical (strange) humours - I forbid your cutting the envelope of my Mss. until you have been into the parlour, & sat with Dear Lady Jane - for at least 1/2 an hour - that you may imbibe enough of the properties of the Engraya suavissima (candour & sweetness) to do justice to my labours, which I do not want to have scrawled over - in pencil - with - Bah! more grape! -

You can introduce yourself, on the occasion somewhat after this manner - Mr C. - sends his best love to you, Dear, & begs that if your household cares are not too pressing at the moment, you will devote 1/2 an hour to putting me into a good humour! - And - immediately after the mollifying process, retire to your Study - lock yourself in, & see whether a literary treat (!) does not await you - that's all - First get rid of the bile, & then enjoy the Feast! Roman fashion -

Yrs. Affy

N. Am. Reviewer

Gift of Gray

My dear Gray, New York, Wedn.y Aft.n 14 June

I am inclined to doubt whether an overweening sense of my own importance is my besetting sin, in these days; but I am sure I do not deceive myself in the belief that you will be glad to hear my personal news - especially as it is good - I am surprisingly feeble, but thank God, decidedly convalescent - I have not been out to-day, but have very comfortably discussed - not "a hasty plate of soup" - but a leisure bowl-full of Chicken broth, sent me from Sam's, & topped up with a glass of Madeira! taken medicinally - mind - & by order of the Doctor! So it affords no precedent for those who are well in health - Another motive I have for writing thus early, is to repeat my thanks to your goodself, & dear little wife, for your extreme kindness to me, on Sunday - I beg you both to believe that it is a grateful recollection to my heart - And now, to make my letter a little entertaining to you, I will give you - Part 1 - of the Spading Plants, at which I worked as well as I could, yesterday, but quite vigorously to-day - First of all, however, let me ask you for 2 or 3 things suggested to me by overhauling my folio - Clematis crispa - it seems by the few. Plants that you have in cultivation - if I am too late for the flowers, please let me have the leaves & ripe carpels - I never understood this species, nor C. cylindrica, & shall be glad of the chance - Perhaps you may have some flowers by you - Astragalus - I remember I planted for you abundantly last spring, & I should like fls. & ripe carpels of this - also of Thermopsis montana, if it flowered last year - Amongst a few wretched things from Frémont's 2d Collect.n is something which I incline to refer to this species - Remember also I hold you responsible for my Sprague Spec.s of Stanleya - There is something very like this, also, in Frémont's scraps - I forgot to ask you to send me, by which the sheets of Dana's rec.s of the Man.t - if you have any to spare - as I do not see Silliman now-a-days - I have thought half a dozen times, since Sunday, of your being so eminently ridiculous as to ask me to unite your & books for the N. Am. without even hinting to me that one of them had been already noticed - It is really too laughable - Why, the "Text-Book" constituted my Mortar, or cement, with which I contrived to hold the other dry bricks together; & if Bowen takes it out, I fear the "adhesiveness" of the remarks will be utterly destroyed - However, you must needs confess that if it should read like "a thing of shreds & patches" the fault will not lie at my door - That's pos! You, yourself, asked me to notice it, & not being a Conjurer, I could not know that I ought not to mind you.

I do not want these items - Sisters - but only prepare them, while in season -

I should like also to see the Rev.ⁿ of "The Test Bk." if you have it in loose sheets.

Clear Water Plants – Part 1. (Confined to those rec.ᵈ from you.)

Clematis Douglasii (distinct from C. Wyethii? I see no character –)

C. ligustifolia? (Alg.) I call C. Virgin. the leaves are not 5-foliate nor "much smaller" but quite large –

Anemone nemorosa

Ranun.ˢ glaberrimus – Hook. – I so referred it (?) because it is too pubescent & from R. kovalis & brevicaulis, it differs in the single or few-flow.ᵈ stems.

R. reptans – aquatilis – hispidus Mx.? (a mere bit!)

Delphinium tricorne – the other 2 forms I referred to D. azureum (?) I do not understand this species & its var.ˢ nor does Hook. make out your references in the Suppl. Fl. N. A. (See Jour. Bot. Lyon)

Aconit. delphinifol. Alg.: I referred to A. columbianum (?) It does not agree with your A. delphin. from Hab. Petrop.!

Actaea rubra? (head tyranny)

Thalictrum diaicum

Berberis Aquifol.

Corydalis aurea

Cheiranthus capitatus (Alg.) In the Fl. Suff. you refer this to Erys.ᵐ grandifl. Nutt. I call Spalding's plant Erys. asperum which indeed seems little different from Nutt. but my spec.ᵐˢ have no pods whatever. How is this? are the 3 only 1 species?

Nasturtium contortiplicatum (Alg.) I called N. curvisiliqua – whose long name is your's?

Barbarea vulgaris

Capsella Burs-past.

"Turritis glabra". I have no spec.ᵐ. I suppose I called it so – if there was one in the Wash.ⁿ set.

"Turritis patula, ex Benth." is a goose!

" ——— retrofracta – Hook." is another!!

& for citing their twaddle a certain professor is N. 3!!!

Turritis never good for much, but if it takes these plants it is a handy genus certainly.

They are, I doubt not, referᵃᵇˡᵉ to Streptan.ˢ of which they have all the essential characters but not the contorted claw of the petal which probably does not come until the flowers get old, if at all. As to the length of the pod that of course depends on age, & I cannot judge – The genus is not a strong one, but there is some little char.ᵃ about it – colour of petals – col.ᵈ hairy gibbous sepal, & long canal.ᵃ claw to the petals – All this we have here – look at a Calif. thing you have from Harvey – a real Streptan.ˢ – § Euclisia – which he proposed to call S. hirtipes. – It has just the hairy pedicel, & recurved pod of these things.

If Streptanthus will not hold these plants, the genus is not worth a button notwithstanding the 3 great Botanists!

I scarcely see any specific diff. between these specimens, tho' one seems stunted, & few-flowered – I so referred both to –

S. virgatus, Nutt. [?]

Lepidium virginicum

——— ruderale

Thlaspi arvense oblongifol.

——— cuneiforme

"Sisymbrium ——? approaching S. junceum but the upper leaves are pinnate (Cotyledons rather unequal, mostly incumbent, or slightly oblique" – My mem. to Torr.

Draba nemoralis – says Mr. C.
D. lutea, var. longipes, says Hook! in Fey. Fl. but he is wrong – See my Mem. in your Journ. Bot. – I also referred the little dwarf thing just coming into flower

Platyspermum

Cleome lutea

Viola (acaulesc.) – V. palustris?

——— (caulesc.) – Nuttallii

——— Muhlenbergii

Hypericum Scouleri

Arenaria congesta – var. major Hook

——— lateriflora

Cerastium arvense

Stellaria nitida – var. E. Tolr.

——— borealis – Big. (very Big.)

——— (a) nitens. Nutt.?

Silene Drummondii?

——— Scouleri ——?

——— Menziesii

Claytonia perfoliata

——— linearis β. minus. Hook.

——— parviflora, Dougl.

C. virginica Lin. Sp.? opposᵉ cauline leaves, & bracteate pedicels, as in C. alsinoides; but the leaves are linear-spathulate & the petals entire, or only slightly emarginate" – Mem. to Torr.

Linum perenne

Geranium maculat. – Carolin.ᵃ

Erodium cicut.

Malva rivularis, Dougl.

Sida Oregana – Nutt.

——— malvaeflora DC.

Acer Douglasii

Vicia Amer.ᵃ "foliis latioribus &c." Hook

——— truncata – Nutt.

L. ochroleucus – I do not find it forgetting it was in the Wash.ⁿ set. I now refer the piece you send to L. venosus § ? T. & Gr.

Glycirrhiza glutinosa

Trifolium cyathiferum

——— altissimum

——— plumosum

& a species, I have not, but which I consider T. variegatum – Nutt.

Hosackia Purshiana

——— decumbens

"Astrag. Drummondii? differs from Hook's char. in the pubescent ovary – & it A. racemosus Ph.? –"

"A. glareosus, Dougl.? = (a kind of lichen – this plant)

Oxytropis reflexa β. sericea? – (D.)

Lupinus laxiflorus, Dougl.

——— leucophyllus – Lindl.

——— aridus, Dougl.?

——— (versicolor – Lindl.? or argenteus – Ph.? or both.

——— Montkatensis, & var. fl. all.? differs from your char. only in the shorter stipules –

Thermopsis (yellow) rhombifol.?

——— (purple) fabacea)?

(to be continued!)

The least you can do is to inform me of all my errors & misconceptions, of which, keep Mem.ᵃ as you proceed – your head can no longer be trusted.

My best love to the dear little Lady, & believe me Affy. yrs.

J. W. C.

Thursday Aftn. 1 o'clock –

A hot day – rather feeble; but have been working at the Rockworks very faithfully – tho' not [illegible]

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Clear-Water Plants — No. 2.

Cerasus demissa — Nutt.?
Spiraea opulifolia
Menziesii
betulefolia
ariaefolia
Geum triflorum
macrophyllum (I do not remember in the Wadsp. det. I had no piece of it)
Alchemilla occidentalis
Potentilla flabelliformis
rigida — Nutt?
fissa — Nutt?
Fragaria Virgin. (var. with bracts &c. (Hook. in Gray's Man.)
Amelanchier Canad. var. δ. alnifolia Torr. & Gr. — a species — Mr. C.!
Cratag. sanguin. β. Douglasii?
Rosa cinnamomea
Rubus Nutkanus
strigosus
occidentalis —
Epilobium paniculat. Nutt. (in 2 states — very fine)
coloratum
angustifolium
Anoth. biennis & var. canescens
heteranthe — Nutt.
contorta Dougl.
Cousiflora — Lindl.
Clarkia pulchella
Mentzelia micrantha
Ribes gracile — Nx
virgatum Dougl.?
cereum Dougl.
aureum

Heuchera Richardsonii
Lithophrag. parviflora (in diff. stages of growth.)
Mitella trifida
Philadelph. lewisii Pl.
Saxifraga integrifolia
virgin. β. vernalis
Sedum Douglasii
stenopetalum
Eryngium articulatum (Hook. in Gy. Pl.)
Edosania Fairderi
Cicuta maculata
Glycosma (?) only flowers
Museinum terminal.
Pencedn. paniculaceum
Piteratum & var.
V. leptophyllum
ambiguum Nutt.
macrocarpum Nutt?
nudicaule — Nutt?
terniflorum. Gy?
Cymopterus glaucus
montanus
Heracleum lanatum
Leptotaenia multifida

These Umbellif.ae were nearly all unknown to me — & in the absence of the fruit, in almost every case — I have no great faith in my determinations — tho' I examined the specimens with great care & attention

~~Erigeron~~ Symphoricarp. racemos.
Lonicera ciliosa
Sambucus glauca – Nutt?
Galium aparine β. minor. Hook
I think probably a species.
Valeriana edulis – Nutt.
Erigeron compositus
cæspitosus Nutt. – I say, but E. pumilus Hook in Geyer's plants (at least as to my specⁿ)
glabellus Nutt.
concinnus
decumbens Nutt?
strigosus
philadelph.
canadens.
Aster laevis.
multiflorus β. strict.
Solidago neglecta, var? I say but it is the S. stricta, Hook. in Geyer pl. – It may be new but Hooker is surely wrong –
Linosyris viscid. ? (leaves only)
Grindelia integrifol.
Pyrrac. carthamoid. var? (See Hook. in Gey. Pl)
Chrysopsis hispida – I say but C. villosa – Hook. in Gey. Pl. also a var. of same?
(n. sp.?) with habit of Ste. notus – See my Memᵃ already sent you on this subject as to S. multicaulis &c.
Balsamor. } (n. sp.) Receptacle
Heliopsis – } rather conical as in Heliops. which it resembles in the inflorescence but the lower leaves are those of Balsam. & the Achenⁿ. Densely pubescent!
Bals. hirsuta – Nutt.
Cetodesa Nutt?
helianthoides
incana
Wyethia robusta
amplexic.
Coreopsis Atkinson.
Cyclachæna
ambrosiæ. artemis.
Gaillardia aristata – Folis pinnato-dentatis – integrisque
Chænactis achilleæf.
Bahia leucophyl. & a slender form which I should take for B. tenuifolia DC were it less lanuginous.
Blepharipappus scaber
Lagophylla ramosiss.
Madia racemosa
Matricaria discoidea
Artemis. ludov. var V. bidentata
Gnaphal. palustre – Nutt.
Antennaria Carpathica – var β. pulcherrima – Hook. – a species?
Tetradym. inermis
Crocidium multicaul.
Arnica Chamissonis
cordifolia
Senecio serra.
lugens – Richⁿ. I suspect from the size &c. & I think it will turn out that S. exaltatus Nutt is the same thing –
canus – Hook
Crepis acuminata
Hieracium longipilum (? Your specimens have no leaves, but the hairs on the stem are rigid & spreading – unlike my Michigan specⁿ of H. longip.
Mulgedium pulchellum
Sonchus asper
Macrorhynchus Chilensis (Hook. in Gey. Pl.)
Scorzonella – S. Philoph.) n. sp. with broad leaves &c. of which I have written to you already, & another form! (not in the Wash. set) with very narrow segments to the lyrate-pinnat. leaves; & invol. nearly smooth – destitute of the puberulence in the larger form & in S. nutans. Gey. Can it be that Spalding's largest form runs all the way down to the thread-like appearance of S. nutans? My Geyer specⁿ of the last is only in flower – & too young to be of much use, as to the species –
Troximon glaucum, β. Wlr.
cuspidatum.
Calais (n. sp.?) Notes already sent I find a scrap of it here (mixed with the Scorzon.) but not intended by you as a specⁿ however I call your attention to it here.

Amongst the Washₜₒₙ plants were 2 specⁿ (I kept none) of a Cirsium, which I called C. Hookerⁿ. Was this right? Had you been a good – or even a barely decent – fellow, you would have sent me this!

Scirpus lenticularis Torr. I suppose – but exactly S. sylvaticus – I think.
Carex Houdii – Hook.
Douglasii Boott (young)
strictiformis W.
angustata B. vertical. Boott in Hook. Fl. Bor. Am.
I have no doubt. The specimens are very ob. – but I suspect this is a species – Boott has only seen it from the N. W. Coast he tells me & I feel assured this is his plant.
– Allium. I see you have mingled two different species – One with an oblong bulb & retinaculum scales (but not N. reticulat. Hook. as it wⁿ appear) & rose-colⁿ. sepals; & the other with a round bulb, dark-purple – sharply-acuminate sepals &c.

"Thermopsis fabacea is yellow-flowered" you say - but in the Flora I find "We are wholly unacquainted with this species" & I therefore venture to ask, with all respect - How do you know? Pallas found his own plant, & saw it living, but it may not have been our's. As to W.C. he described from the dried spec.ns which look much more yellow than purple - as, after a time - the spec.ns of Spalding will become - I doubt not - However No. 365 Geyer's pl. is referred by Hook. to T. fabacea, without a query - & altho my spec.n shews no purple, I feel assured that it is the same as the purple fld. plant of Spalding - For myself, I did not think the ref.e of Hook. accorded with the char.s in the Fl. (partic.) as to the length of the stipule, which in my Geyer spec.n is as long as the petiole, & which I should rather have referred to T. rhombifol.) but I supposed Hook. might be most probably correct - tho' he has done the Geyer plants carelessly, upon the whole - as your Flora is but feeble in this genus - That is all I know of the matter - not much!

The specimens intended for Torrey, he cannot need, if he has "prigged" as carefully as I did - for I have them all - & I never took a specimen for myself where there were only two - I have therefore tied them up - & they await your future orders, subject of course to the usual mercantile chgs. for "forwardg. Comn. Storage - Insurance - Packing - Cartage &c. My brother, I hear, has received his package - but has not yet opened it - so I must thank you, in advance, for what it contains for me - I suppose the copies of the reviews I asked for - or possibly C.C. crispa & vertill. Now, as you would not give yourself the trouble to mark your labels of Scraph - astrag. &c. I have been at the pains to make two "sample cards" - with a corresponding list - & the

Sixth Street.

Tuesday Night - 14/10/48 -

My dear Gray -

I have been dining & spending the Evening with Mother Sam. & on my way down to his house, I called at the College on our friend Torrey who told me that he was sending a package to you tomorrow in which your Carpet Bag might be included, without extra Charge, & which I therefore embrace the opportunity of returning, with many thanks. It is a fortnight, to day, since I quitted your hospitable roof, & but that I had nothing to say worth postage, you would have heard from me before this - Indeed, I have been several times tempted to write that I might have the pleasure of repeating my sense of your, & dear Mrs Gray's kindness to me - on which I think with much pleasure & gratitude. You both would have been in a fidget had you known the miserable Night I passed on the Water - When we got to Fall River the fog was thick, but grew much denser when we got out, & for about an hour we groped our way, at about one quarter speed, by the aid of the head-line, with the Steam whistle yelling all the time - At length, when about mid-way between Fall River & Newport the Captn dropt Anchor in 10 fathoms water, declaring that he could not, with safety, proceed any further - Some of the Passengers,

as usual, were inclined to grumble, but I felt & said that the Captn was the best judge of what was fitting & had come right. About 10 o'clk., I think, it came on to blow, & the fog dispersing, we got underway & as I did not myself care for the rough motion of the vessel, experienced no further annoyance. The passengers breakfasted on board, & I think I got home about Noon. Brother Sam, I think is doing very comfortably, & has had no return of the bleeding. Forney's affair still lags on; for the decision of the Committee. From what he has himself heard there can be little doubt but that he would have walked over the course had his application been earlier. He says he was misinformed as to the time when the appointments were to be made, & Gibbes does not appear to have acted with perfect candour towards him — for it appears that he was using Forney's influence to procure some appointment (at a distance. I know not where) of larger emolument — $2500 P. Ann^m. — but never informed Forney that he & his friends were, at the same time, making efforts for the N. Yk. lectureship. On the other hand, he had no reason to suppose that Forney wanted it. So stands the matter, as I learn. I have no news for you. Alas! for us poor "Freesilers"! Not to carry a single State! Not even Wisconsin or Vermont! It was too bad. This is altogether a different political atmosphere from yours. & the very bad condition of business played a great game for Taylor & the Tariff men. See what gave him Penn^a. — The Coal & Iron trade — the latt almost at a stand still — quite as to profits. Another thing worked well for Taylor — very many decent good men here feeling that V. B. could not be elected, were frightened out of their wits at the thoughts of Cass. & his quarrelsome uproarious gang of politicians coming into power. And lastly, I hear many people say — & the Taylor papers all insist — that Taylor is opposed to Slavery in the New States, & is publickly pledged to that effect! Webb & other Editors are already treating it as matter of course that Slavery is not to be disturbed in the Slave States — nor in the D.C. but that it is to go no further. In fact the whigs are really claiming to be "Freesilers" after their easy slippery way of doing things. In the meantime, doubtless the South will have their own way — as they have ever come by some dexterous jobbing & bribery of our "Northern brethren."

But no more of politics — I am sick of them. As a remark of parting wisdom, I will only say that had the Democrats nominated less of a Bobadil than Cass — or the Freesilers a less exceptionable man than V.B. Taylor would not have been President. For the rest, may the goodness of GOD overrule the crafty selfishness of men — & bring good out of evil.

Give my best love to your dear little wife. I earnestly hope she is mending, & shall be most happy to hear of it when you or she can find time to let me know. Also I beg my kindest regards to kind papa & the "weekly dinner party" — & to brother Joe. I often think of you, & wonder what you are doing. At "your favorite Compositor" (?) I have done no studying — but have distributed the Plants you kindly gave me. I have had 2 or 3 sick days (several fad-o-s) — but am now doing rather better, & am Very Affy yrs. J. C.

Prof.r A. Gray -
Cambridge -
Massachusetts

Friday 24/11 1848.

My Dear Friend

Your [illegible] letter (accompanied by the sample sheets) reached me on the Aftn. of Wedy. - too late for mail - & yesterday being our Thanksgiving-Day, my reply was necessarily delayed until this Morning - I am heartily sorry that you have had so much trouble with W. C. & Co. & truly - if they could make ~~make~~ good "Stock", such careless people would be well pounded up in their own Mills - but even our friend Rice, if pounded, might not make good pudding - nor even fine for sticking plants - so we must just let him be, & deal with things as they are - And first, I pray you, take to spectacles, or get a new rule, whichever may be needed - You say "the fullest sheets are scant 16½, the shortest scant 16¼" - The 3 sheets you send me, measure respectively, as follows,

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} 16\,1/16 \\ 16\,3/16 \\ \underline{16\,1/4} \end{array}\right\} = 16\,1/6 \text{ or, on an average, } \underline{\text{exactly}} \text{ 1/3}^{\text{d}}$$

of an inch shorter than the order - The breadth is, in each case, $11\frac{13}{32}$ or nearly 7/8 in. short -

As to the weight, it is stout enough, & as you say, feels well. The hue is peculiar; being no shade of blue, like yours, nor of the ordinary yellowish-white, but, as it appears to my eye, a hint of green! This, however, is of no moment, as the green herbage will at once neutralize this - Our friend Mr. Clingswort comes nearer to the mark - his length being exactly right (16½.) & the width falling short only 3/8 in. in the entire length, or 3/16th. in the folded sheet - so that, as you say, it falls in well enough with the other paper - as it is better than if it had been exact - I think it, of a very good texture, & the 50¢ pr. ream, therefore, is well enough saved. Now, then, "the total of the whole", as Joey Hume says, is this - you have made a capital arrangement, under all circumstances, much better than I probably should have done myself,

& altho' I dislike curtailing our size 13. in. x 18. in the Herb. yet, as you remark, it is of less moment to me & Olney, as beginners, than to your goodself; who have so many reams, of the larger, finer dimensions - Still, they will work together well enough but, since the bunglers have seen fit to exceed our orders by 13 reams! there is neither right nor reason in your being saddled with the whole of the extra quantity, merely because you have had all the labour & trouble of effecting the arrangement!! especially, since it is not all that we desired, & suits you, less than ourselves - The extra quantity appears to be divisable, in the ratio of our respective orders, as follows,

Olney	16	=	19
C.	24	=	28
Agr.	35	=	41
$\sum$	5	=	88

You will please therefore, send me 28 reams, in 2 boxes of 14 each, & instead of 6 send 8 of general paper, which the extra white paper will require - You will not mind your own allowance of this being rather curtailed, as Hollingsworth can make more for you of your exact dimensions, when you want it - Also, in view of this my extra allowance of paper, if the affair is not already completed, please print 18 instead of 15 quires of "Herb. Companion" in other words, the whole ream of paper, exclusive of the 2 quires of outsides - of which I make you a present!!! If the type is broken up, it is of no consequence - Please ship any Herb. Paper, as soon as it can be got ready, by Steam Boat - sending Bill to Carey & C. who will attend to it - The labels may come by Express, afterwards, & will not be in danger of impeded navigation. As to cost, I will remit you, as soon as I get your Mem. of exact amount; & by the way, your clever management with W. C. & C. coupled with their own blundering, as to weight, will give us the increased quantity for the same sum that we were calculating to pay for the smaller - which suits me quite well for I had "screwed my courage up" to the utermost, & have only now to persuade myself, as best I may, that the increased size is an advantage! Olney will be very foolish (me judge) if he does not take at least 20 reams, for he cannot profitably turn 16 to any account in a [illegible] Herb. Leaving that, however, to him & you, I have only to thank you, my dear Gray, for my share of the trouble & annoyance which this affair has cost you - & of which "no more at present."

Whilst writing this who should drop in but our friend "the big Frenchman"! Just from Ohio, & off for Mass. this Afternoon! He offered to take my letter, but I could not detain him whilst I finished it, but broke off & took him to the Med. Coll. to introduce him to Dorrey - who was not there. I cannot tell you therefore what he may have done with my first letter to you - He said he would inclose it in his own, to go by the Parcel you received - It is, doubtless, still at the College! Whilst at Brother Sam's, yesterday, I saw, in his Herb., a piece of Astrag. racemosus, from the Nicollet Plants, as determined by Dorrey - whether it is Purshs plant, or not, may be doubtful, but it is clearly A. Drummondii, so far as the specimen goes - indeed, I see nothing to distinguish them but the "triquetrous" legume in A. rac. which is "cylindrical" in A. Drum: - Sam's plant shews only the very young pod, but Dorrey perhaps had the older fruit before him, as he refers it, without query, in his Cat. of the Nicolet plants, to A. racem. - However, to my point, & yours - it is a different plant from the Spalding one - which is probably a Nsp. The Nicollet plant has much longer filiform calyx teeth & smooth ovaries. I have a few lines from Sullivant who thinks our friend "a most worthy fellow - & a good botanist" - He has made him

offers which L. appears to be delighted with, & will no doubt accept – but I leave him to tell his own news, which he will in fact, have done some hours before this is at hand – in all probability. I thank you for the Kouhieva Cate – send me that of Spach's Ambrina, when you write next – This little job will not take a couple of hours work, & yet, oddly enough, I have never felt like setting about it – & have not, in fact, made a bite at it yet. I heartily rejoice at your home news – Beg my best love to the dear "wee-wife" & all other estimable kindred.

Yours, as always Yrs. affy J.C.

I have caught another terrible cold – & want nursing & petting! Tell the dear lady I to be expediting matters with the Swedish lady, that I may have some one to look after me.

Geo. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

Ex. Affectionate of Jesus me Fire-dale Jesus – In pet, I have hinted to lady, on that subject – Jesus the Knowledge
no Jesus

New York – 23rd. Decr. /48.

My dear Gray –

Your several letters of 5th Inst. & "Wed." are before me, & I proceed to notice their contents where needful. First, as to your penitence, I see the laugh but ill conceal'd in the expression of it, & it is well that your pardon had "passed the great seal" before the arrival of your letter – now, as to accounts – Your first mem. I find, as follows,

30 rms. wh. paper, 557 lbs. net, @ 14 ¢. — $78. –
less, dis.t 5% for Cash — 3.90
74.10
2 Packing cases — 1.50 — 75.60

6 reams Manilla (Hollingsworth) you say "the gross covers 11 cts. pr. lb. wgt. 4% pr. ream net the 5% being deducted 4% × 6" — 28.20
103.80
from which, in a P.S., you desire me to deduct — 1.20
leaving, the amt. I remitted you — $102.60

Unless, therefore Hollingsworth, has allowed a further deduction (as dis.t on the 10 cts. pr. lb.?) it does not appear to me that you owe me the 12% credited to me in your last statement; nor does it seem the most ready way of receiving the freight you paid on my package of labels, to deduct the amt. from what I had to remit to you – I therefore return enclosed your mem. & $6 – (instead of $4) which according to my view of the affair is the sum due to you; & as I suspect you are more of a botanist than a book-keeper, I incline to believe my version will turn out correct – The labels I like well, & think them quite neat – I should myself have selected the type of the size of the specific char. in your "Man." which is rather larger – but I am well content to defer this matter of taste to your opinion – partly, because I am growing dim-sighted

& am apt to prefer larger type than you would require, & still more because I think your taste & judgment very good in such matters - But now I have another "crow to pluck" with you - Why, in the name of conscience, did you not let your stationer cut them up, as we arranged, instead of hewing out your own portion? Whether you effected the operation with a hatchet, or garden-hoe, I know not, but, certainly, it has been done with such an amusing disregard of every thing like straight lines, that of my remaining labels, the 6 "abutting" on your vigorous carving, are, in each sheet, "shorn of their fair proportions" — & master. Nor is this all — You have, I find, in many instances (no less than 40 sheets!) backed out the wrong side of the paper (!) sending me between 13 & 14 dozen of your labels, & retaining, of course, a similar number of mine! I will send your's on, in some one of Torrey's packages; &, unless mine are destroyed, you can lay them by, for some conveyance - as they are useless to you, & altho', to be sure, not very costly, yet worth preserving. Certainly, you are the man to "get along" with things - but there are cases in which "most haste is the worst speed" - You ask about the glue, or cement, rather, which our friend Torrey has contrived, & which I like very much. It does not crack off the paper, like glue, nor does it set so soon - two very great points - I have only fastened down my Carices §§. Psyllaph. - Vigneae. which I think good tests, as they are very troublesome, & apt to start up, especially where the papers are very full, as mine are - This, also requires the slow setting fluid, as it takes time to plan out the position of the specimens, to make most room - especially, to a gentleman who likes every thing neat, & "just so" - Certainly, I recommend you strongly, our friend T's cement when you fasten your grapes & Cyp.ds. - I have done but little, & you will be sorry to learn than I have had some very sick days, again, besides considerable worry & vexation - I observe what you say, as to the disposition of the paper to cockle, & will only open it as I want it. In other respects, I like it well - & think it remarkably cheap - & (notwithstanding my scoldings, which you richly deserved - I put it to you, in foro conscientiae, whether you did not) I feel very greatly indebted to your kindness, in the matter - By the way do not forget, that you are reserving for me one of the bundles (2 reams) of Hollingsworth's paper, which I shall need some time or another, if I live - but, in the mean time, as my space is so limited, I would rather pay "storage & interest" by leaving it with you - I saw, 2 days ago, in the newspaper that an election had been held for the Prof. of Chem. at the Free School, when the nominees were Drs. G. & a Mr. Ellet - The first received 24 votes, & was elected our friend had only 6! & Ellet none - However, the salary was stated at only $800, & not $1500, as I supposed - You & I both regret, I know, that our friend's name was ever presented - I thank you, much, for the "few spec.ns" accompanying the labels, also for the Reindler sheets, which are both "useful & ornamental" - You ~~say~~ refer, in (Malvaceae) to Vol. 2 of Gen. illust. t. 217. 218. 222. - Is this correct? Do you mean the 2nd Vol. to overrun 200 plates, to that extent? - I hope you had no difficulty in making your arrangements for Sprague. When I left Boston, I confidently expected to "lend a hand" in a small way; but a most unexpected "call for the absorption of capital" not merely "used me up"; but compelled me to trench pro-tem. upon the funds of others - In addition to this, I had to convert a small treasury note, which I held, in expectation of an advance in price, just a week before, the anticipated rise (of 4 or 5) took place - But enough of this - It is better to be lucky than rich, says the Proverb, but it is disagreeable, even to disgust - to be neither the one nor the other! Buckley's proposition is fine, &, as you say, characteristic - Of course you avail yourself of it, & are "doing the needful" at Washington. I am most grieved to hear, that your dear wife is suffering from a further painful annoyance - May present my best love sympathy to her

You do not speak of her general health, in either of your 2 last letters - Please to do so in your next - We have had hideous weather for the past week - Yesterday it snowed all day, but froze hard at night, & the sun is now shining, & I hear the sleigh bells ringing merrily along - Give my regards to Miss Eliza, if still with you - I have not seen her good father, in the past week - indeed, I have been too unwell to face the inclement weather out of doors - Once again, accept my thanks for your trouble in my (botanical) matters, & believe me, My dear Gray, Very Affy Yrs. H.

Prof. A. Gray
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New York, 31 July 1849.

My dear friend — I returned to the city, yesterday, rather stronger I venture to hope, but still not in comfortable condition, & continually subject to those gastric derangements of which so very many are complaining — I am heartily thankful that your neighbourhood has not been visited by this fearful pestilence — Last week, at W. Chester, I received a charming letter from your dear little wife (date from Litchfield, 14 Inst.) & I regret to find, what I was however prepared to hear, that she has not made any great improvement — I earnestly hope that her trip may prove beneficial, & beg you to give my best love, & thanks for her interesting letter, on her return home — which, she tells me, is to be early in the ensuing month — Her renewed, & most kind invitation to Cambridge I must decline for the present, as I am not man enough to meet the "Scientifics", being still feeble & low in spirits — Added to this, I am under an absolute engagement to spend a few days with our good Torrey — whom I have just

written to, with a view to ascertain his plans & movements, & whether he proposes to visit Cambridge at the Scientific Meeting – If he does not, I shall probably go on to Princeton in 2 or 3 days –

I am particularly pleased to hear of the happy consummation of dear Lizzie's hopes, & beg you to offer to her & Wm my sincere congratulations. I should entrust this to your better half, but it may be some weeks before I have an opportunity of writing to her.

Of course, I have no news for you, botanical or otherwise – I was too feeble to collect about Wallingford, nor was there, indeed, any thing of which we stand in need – Scirpus Olneyi is the plant about W. Chester creek, & takes the ordinary place of S. pungens, which I did not observe – My son made me a flying visit, on his way up the Hudson, & said that Dr Alexander had, at length, turned up, but that he only spent 2 or 3 days about Cumberland, having determined upon making Phila. his head-quarters this season. John took him to the best botanical localities & he collected some 30 or 40 sp. which were new to him –

I am sorry to hear that Joe has been poorly – beg my regards to him, if returned from Sanquoit.

And now, my dear Gray, I shall only further remark, that should time & inclination serve at any time to write to me – it is probable that the present needy condition of his Holiness might assist us in procuring a dispensation, on reasonable terms, from your rash (?) vow on the subject – I do not, certainly, mean it to be inferred that this letter needs answering, it being merely designed to inform you, that I am again in N.Y. – rather better in health – & as usual

Very affec.y Yrs. Jno Carey

I find you have Oakes' plants for distribution & sale – What will a complete set of the Mosses come at – in round numbers? also of the Lichens? Did my little package turn up? It contained (inter alia) some of the W.t Penn. Agrostes, & some Carices – Amongst them, I think, C. praecox – I mention these to identify the lot, which poor O. said he had laid out for me – Will the library & Microscope come thro' your hands? Any or all of these queries may be answered at your entire

convenience, but should you write before you hear from me again, address Care of C. & Co. (not to Jane St.) as my letters will be forwarded from Pine St. should I be in Nyersey. Adieu! I should like to hear your personal news – plans, doings &c. so written that I could read it.!

Prof. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

New York – 5 Nov.r /49.

My dear Gray – I have had the great pleasure to receive Mrs. G's delightful letter from which I gather your news – except as to Botany – I wonder what you are doing, at the moment, precisely, since it seems that you are waiting for plants of the Ex. Ex. from Washing. I have also rec.d Lapham's Wisconsin Cat. & a sheet of "Biblog." from Sill. Journ. since I last wrote you – for both of which many thanks – A word as to this last – It seems that Mog.-Tand. has reunited his Amberina to Chenopod. but having confined the Char. of the last gen. strictly to the horizontal fruit – how does he include Amb. Batrys with vertical? See his Chenopod. in which it stands as a §. of Amberina, on that very account! I should like to see how he managed this in the Prod.? That species, at least, would be a Kochia, subject only to the not completely annular embryo – Again, you say that he puts Acnida into Amaranthaceæ & that "A. tuberculata appears to be mixed up in a manner that requires much investigation to unravel with amaranthus tamariscinus Nutt. &c. &c." Now, in a letter written to you in June /48 commenting on the Chenopod. in the "Manual" I had the temerity to express myself as follows, – "I am not satisfied with Acnida – it belongs to Amaranthaceæ – has the seed & char.s I think – Indeed I think it is a mere amaranthus, but certainly it must go wherever A. tamariscinus is placed – As to the bracts &c. &c." Thus much from my letter book – the remainder you can refer to if my letter still exists – Your answer was merely & courteously (more too) thus –

"As to your talk about Neuridae it is all humbug – for any thing I know to the contrary!!!" As I have not the means of knowing what Maj-Genl. has written on the subject, I much rather volunteer one other "humbug" for your future investigation – If I know the staminate plant of Ac. rusocarpa & Amar. tamarisc. they are indistinguishable – in other words, absolutely identical – me judice. Perhaps, however, I may not have them both, as I have supposed.

I return your Pencedana, by Adams Express. having gone carefully thro' them again – I find, however, that my spec.ns are, upon the whole, fairer than your's & I have no new light upon the subject. You will observe my pencil mem.s on your sheets – In 2 or 3 cases you have misplaced the Vernacular (barbarous) names which is only of consequence should our friend Spalding hereafter send the fruiting umbels under the same – by which the certainty of bringing the specimens together might be more secure – The Carices in Spalding's plants were only 4 – C.C. Houdii Hook. Douglasii, Boott (young) stramina, W. & angustata B. vertical. Boott in Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. (now C. verticillata, Boott MS!) the last two old, & with most of the Perig.a fallen – This is all you require as to the Spalding plants – I return you your list, & hope to receive the remaining part from you when completed – Especially, bear in mind the Scroph. with reference to my numbered flowers, in your possession – I shall not otherwise understand your determinations, in the absence of Characters – I send you another piece of the Graphephorum! which I had laid out for Brother Jas. & could have sent you, more yet, but that I filched down what you gave me, (quite a chump) out of Brother Charley's plants – Had you not selected my specimens yourself I suppose you would now say that I cribbed the whole, understandingly – On the subject of grasses I have asked you many, many times, what is the true Poa hirsuta, Mich.t which from your remark in the "Manual" you appear to know? I have lately been putting the Oregon & Calif. Compos. of the Ex. Exp. in order for Torrey, & find there a Chrysopsis wh. you label "C. echioides Benth." – This seems to me exactly N.o 7 of Geyer's Or. Pl. (the "C. villosa B. minor &c. Hook.") which you & I both referred in the Spalding plants to C. hispida – See your remark Pl. Fendl. p. 77. – & let me know what you think – I have no other knowledge of Bentham's plant – I am alarmed about the "Erigeron with decidedly yellow rays" – We shall have to steer between Chrysopis – Stenotus – & Aplopappus! A very uncomfortable piece of navigation it will be if more such Erigeras turn up – you may depend upon it.

Thus much of Botany – & I pray you let me have your safe remarks on what I have written – some day! My best love to dear Mrs G. with thanks for her kind & interesting letter – I have been too much of a Friend this year to permit myself a visit to Boston, tho' I should like to be with you & friend Harvey whom I yet hope to know, as his frank & friendly correspondence have predisposed me strongly in his favour – I should like to have met Richardson once again, & at your table – Torrey is now lecturing – Mrs T. was in town for 2 days last week, & Jane & Eliza are still at Belmontes. This is all I have of interest to Mrs G. I shall write her when I have any thing less dry than Botany to talk about –

My best respects to Mr. Harvey & love to all the Torrings with much to yourself. from yr. aff.te H.

You will notice enough the few things I need you a favour for the "Harvard" is 1 or 2 papers at which I want your eye.

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts

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New York - 17 Decr. 1849.

My dear Gray

Your's of the 6th is before me, & I previously received all the matters committed to D. Barney in excellent order, thanks to your careful packing - Indeed, when I saw the lenses of the Micros.e so nicely papered up, I confess that I gave the credit, in my own mind, to some little fingers that I wot of, rather than to your's - I wonder if I was right? Be that as it may, I felt greatly obliged to your care, whether you worked, per alium or per te - Of course I am much pleased with the Microscope & the lid likes - As to Schk.r I accept your kind offer of the loan of the French Ed.n which, as you say, is more readable, by me, than the Dutch, but, in the first place, I remember that Delaigne does not in all cases give the exact text of Schk. & in the next his plates are not, I suppose, the very same coppers, & hence his figs. could not properly be cited or referred to as Schk's - Upon the whole, then, I conclude to ask Boott to pick me up a Copy if one offers cheap, but before I give him the Commiss.n please tell me, if you can, whereabouts I ought to expect to procure it, as I should not like to give a ridiculous figure as my limit - Would $1. 1. - ($5) be likely to procure the Ed.n with the Supp.t, do you suppose?

Flower of Gentiana also rec.d not yet examined - Thanks.

Potamogeton papers, likewise - I did not contemplate the mutilation of your numbers of Sill. Journ. but since you have been willing - Why should I fret about it? - Thanks again.

No mistake about Juncus lamprocarpus - I have now got a batch of beautiful specimens for you made by our friend Sartwell to whom I wrote for them last Summer -

Another new grass for our 2d Ed.n ! An Oryzopsis? from Mich.n amongst some ~~spec.s~~ grasses &c. sent to me to be named by Dr. Cooley - only 1 spec.n however, but I have written to him for more - The ~~stout~~ long-awned western Stipa must likewise find its way into the Man. I have it now from Mich. (Cooley) It is L. juncea of your friend Wood, & the Western fellows, but not the Europ. plant, if a French spec.n I have from Arnott (ex Herb. Tuc.!) be correctly named - As to the queer grass of Short's, I did not find it Festuca nutans, but, in fact, it is too old for any thing - let it pass - What have we to do with Kentucky? a Slave State!

Of course I was right about the Acnida. Unfortunately for our dear confiding public I was not at Cambridge when the Chenopod.s were worked up - "The Monkeys &c."

I suppose I now know Poa hirsuta, Mr. - it is as I suspected.

The plants you sent were very welcome - Those from L. Labrador, & Lake Sup.r hugely so - Storer & Whitney are new names to me - Wonder whose boys they are? Some good fellow (or better yet, two dear sweet ladies) should own such marvellously good hunters. Did you happen to notice a little Cruciferous thing amongst Labradoreans, looking like a Cochlearia or a small Thlaspi? Mine is only just coming into flower - What is it? Cruciferæ are our pets of late.

Our good ~~friend~~ Boott has written me a small volume on Carices, amongst them C. panicea. He now adopts the view I inclined to take (in fact did take, but re-wrote the matter) of uniting C. tetanica Schk. with C. Meadii, but he thinks they are all distinct from C. panicea, L. & the latter he says is "found at Boston by Greene & I think by Oakes" - If therefore there are any Dup.s amongst those which you say were left over in your hands, please lay me by 3 or 4 spec.ns (for anatomizing by & bye) also 2 or 3 of C. præcox, for which I remember writing to poor Oakes himself - & C. altata, of which I gave my Oakes' specimens to Boott & wrote O. for more -

How does Sprague get on now. Will another number of Gen. Illust. be issued before you go to Eng.d? - How did the last number go off? also how is the Manual going off?

Harvey has looked over all my Dup.s & took - all of them - He says he can trade them away to advantage. He spent one morning with me at Lane ℔. & I an Eng. with him at Mr. Harvey's where also I met our good Torrey. I had a Card from Dr. Rodgers to meet Harvey at his house, but was not well enough in body or spirit to accept the invitation - H. goes for a week to Phil.a to-day or tomorrow - I am heartily rejoiced to hear that dear Mrs. G. is mending - My sincere love is with both of you.

A. G.

Mr. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

How is it that you left me to gather (incidentally) from Harvey, the fact of our friend Agassiz' betrothal? Shame on you – Please to present him my felicitations. I rejoice that you were not intimate with Mr. Webster as you are spared much pain, in consequence – What an awful blow for his family!

New York - 18th. Jan.y 1860.

Many happy New Years to my valued friends! & to my dear Mrs. Gray, in particular, better health to enjoy them - I have wished, for some time past, to write to you, but really my health & spirits have been so low that I feared not to vent my tediousness & complainings upon you. But on the receipt of your kind note, I resolve to delay no longer, & trust to your kindness & sympathy to bear with a vapid letter - barren of news & interest.

As you say, Dr. Harvey happened to call upon me when I was just beginning to creep about, after an attack of influenza & fever - I gave him a letter to a Mr. & some other Mem.s for his guidance - I have heard nothing of his subsequent movements, nor yet of our agreeable friend Dr. Alexander - Mrs. Conway is better, but still looks very feeble, I think - They are now all boarding in town, except "Maggie" who is with Mrs. Henry at Washington - The good Doctor has been quite unwell, with some bronchial affection, & has been obliged to resort to a large blister on his chest - Miserable work in connection with his Class lectures, which he did not suspend for a single day - I hope he is now mending - I suspect he has his head full, & this may account for his not writing the notice of the Gen. Hist. as to which I have jogged his memory, several times.

You also, my dear Doctor, have enough, & too much to do — I wish I could think your European voyage would be a holiday trip for you — but it will needs be far otherwise, I fear — Whether I shall see you in the Spring, I know not — & can say nothing as to my personal movements, except that the year does not open under the most pleasant auspices for me — My Son's wedding day is not yet fixed, but he will be free from his engagement at the Iron works in 2 months, after which he will come to the City. He is now here, on a visit, but, as you may suppose, I see little of him — In fact, I have little more than a historical knowledge of his being in town — Mr. A's family is large, & they all expect to have more or less of his time, when here — The Directors of his Company have passed the most flattering resolutions on accepting his resignation, which is gratifying — Indeed, I believe they scarcely expect to find another Superintend.t uniting to his char.r all his qualifications — I thank you for the slip of Dewey's Caricag. &c. I am fairly sick of his nonsense, & care not to weary you with comments on it — Either he, or I have became fatuous! I have quite discontinued our Correspondence — which could not be entertaining or profitable, since we have no sort of understanding — on mere general principles. If he has any idea of Vegetable structure — why I have not, & I give up — I was much surprised, a few days since, by a visit from Dr. Chapman! who has come on hither to purchase Drugs — in which he is about to deal at Apalach.a — He is really a good-natured pleasant fellow. I dined with him one day at Son's, & last Evening he took tea with me, in Jane St. & staid until 1½ o'clk. this morn.g! He is still very fond of Botany — eagerly so, — & is evidently picking up Flor.a plants again — He says he has bits of all his own things remaining — His head is now full of a Southern Man! (after the general plan of your's —) in which, it seems, he is desirous of getting Curtis to join him — I told him the head of the latter was overgrown with toadstools, but still he thought it likely they should work together — He says the thing is much wanted, & in reply to frequent enquiries, he has nothing better to recommend, for Southern use, than Eaton!! Elliott, he says, is out of the question, from the cost & scarcity of the work. The Doctor seems to have a share of Southern Languor, ~~[illegible]~~ — a sort of want-to-be-fanned-by-Nigger-ishness, about him, otherwise, if he has the time, I think he might bring out a useful book for — the Slave States! I shall like to see your review of Bartram — when it turns up — If you get no extra copies, I shall hunt it up in N. Am.n review?

My Landlady has been very kind to me during my late illness — For 4 days I went only from the bed to the Sofa, & as my face & eyes were too much swollen for reading — which constant nausea would have prevented, even had it been otherwise — the blinds were not raised by day, nor lamp lighted in the evening — During this time of fever I lived on Toast-Water — literally — not even gruel besides!

I found it very lonely having no one to read or talk to me, & especially, as I may making every hour throughout the night - However, I am now thank God, about again, but "powerful weak", & with no spirits at all - This much of grumbling. Love me, as I love you both, & may God bless & prosper you!

E.

19th. Review received & read - a pleasant article - thanks! The peevish Indian-"banging" Bartram dont shine in contrast with gentle & amiable Peter Colinson -

Prof. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

Kindest regards, & good wishes for the opening year, to all in, & about Ashburton Place -

New York - 28 March /50.

My dear Gray - It is very long since I heard from you, & as I learn that the Torreys have no later intelligence than my own, I am glad of an excuse for writing you a few lines, that I may know how you are both going on, more especially dear Mrs G. of whom I have no tidings since the loss of her relative -

Yesterday, a large Box reached me from Dr Short, containing his (immense) collection of Carices, which he begs me to arrange for him - a single bundle of Kenty plants for myself (nice, but nothing new) - lastly, bundles of Plants for

Harvey of S.C.D.
Dr Joachim Steetz of Hamburg
& M. Reichenbach Jr of Dresden.

Now, as to these packages, Short refers me to you, & says - "I have informed Dr Gray of my having sent these parcels to you, & that I intended to request the favor of you to forward them to him, unless indeed he should think it best to ask the favor of you to forward them direct from N.Y. to Europe - He will probably write to you on the subject, & I must beg the favour of you to be guided by his wishes in the matter" -

Now, being most desirous, as in duty bound, to submit myself to such guidance, I await your

instructions in the matter — venturing however to submit to you, that I had better keep Dr. Harvey's Package here, or send it to his relatives the Hopacks of this City, to whose house he will return on his arrival from the South — If you should direct the German Packages shipped from hence, it will be better not to send them by the Bremen Steamer, I think, as they charge $5 freight for the smallest package — How say you? In my last I enquired whether I should make a Parcel for Express of some few things I have here for you (refer to enumeration) to which query you replied — nothing!

Thus much of business — truly I have not a particle to add in the way of news or gossip — Our wedding comes off about the middle of next month, but exact day not fixed — I am told that hundreds are to be invited, & I really dread the thought of playing Pantalaon to so august an audience — It is to be at Mr. A's house (not at the Church, tho' by a Church Clergyman — Bedell) & in the Evening — as I hear —

I am heartily disgusted with your Senator Webster — Baser truckling, I never read — If he is right in saying that the Union is pledged to cut up Texas into Slave States, who I suppose that good faith must be kept — but as to his Plea for rejecting the Wilmot Proviso, it is an insult to one's Common Sense — He will not recognise the will of God — Is not this Holy Will declared against all the crimes, which are nevertheless recognised by the Common or Statute law? And again, the South say they can & will take Slaves to the new Terr.s if not expressly prevented — & only ask to be let alone. Now if the Slaves cannot go there, as Webster says, How does the Proviso injure the owners of them? If these last are correct, then, most clearly the law is needed — & Webster, of all men, not long ago, glorified himself as a main author, or reviver of this very Proviso that he now rejects & abuses!

No more of this, or I shall get savage. Only tell me — Can a Politician be honest & sincere? Is it in the nature of things? If not, I suppose Webster is to be forgiven — We have a terrible Snow Storm falling, & I doubt whether I shall be able to mail this to-day, tho' I have written it —

With much love to you both
Ever yrs. always
C.

Good Friday Morng. I did not stir out yesterday. To-day is bright but cold, & the Snow lying on the ground —

I have read with painful interest the Case as moved against Prof.r Webster — I cannot imagine how they can refute the Evidence since his Counsel says they do not mean to offer any thing in explanation of the remaining four of his Premises — It is an awful affair, & I am very glad that he was not of your intimates — I looked for your name amongst his Subscribers as to character —

Prof.r A. Gray,
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

Jane Street - 27 April 1850.

My dear Gray - I thank you for your note of the 23d & especially for all the expressions of kindness which it contains - I regret extremely your indisposition, at this moment, when you have so much to do, but hope it will not be of long continuance. I am sorry that I did not see you on your return from Washington, as we had really no previous opportunity for conversation - Your pencil memn. on the parcel of D. C. Wood. did not meet my eye until I returned home, from my dinner, at 3 o'clk. - Of course far too late to admit of my seeing you - I had made up my mind that you would be in N.Y. on the precise day on which you passed thro' - & made it my first job, after breakfast, to seal up the small packge of sundries I have had by me, for you - What shall I now do with the parcel?

Tho' I obey your injunction as to writing, I am unable to advise any "contemplated movements" - At present, all is doubt & uncertainty with me - You know the general outline of my feelings - but, as yet, I have had no courage to resolve on the details - When I do so, it must be unadvised, & in secret - for none would advise me with counsel in the matter; nor, in fact, need I ask any - A desperate step is always better taken on the sole responsibility of the party concerned - You remark,

that if my "good daughter cannot marry me you know not how you can". The fact is, that the dear girl has not the remotest idea in her head, that I meditate a removal. & I am now sorry that I intimated any such design to E. Sorrey, as I care not to have it a matter of gossip among the few who know me - My son told me, before his marriage, that Alida had expressed a wish that I should live with them - adding that it was no suggestion of his own, even in the shape of a hint - But so far as I am personally concerned, the Project has never been broached in any of my conversations with her - Thus much, & it is literally all I can say, on this painful topic - For the rest, - Sufficient is the day unto the evil thereof.

I believe Harney sails to-day - I called upon him last week, but he was up the river - Yesterday I wrote him my farewel, as I could not go down town to see him - I think you much for remembering me in the matter of D.C. but I observe, by the name on it, that one of them belonged to poor Oakes, & you of course bought it, & I must insist on reimbursing you the cost - Pray therefore let me know the amount - like a good man as you are - If I should complete my set, I may probably have to sell them, by-the-bye, so you must not hesitate in the matter. I suppose you did not get Alberti's 1st report?

Yesterday, I dined in company with Mr. John J. Astor (Alida's eldest brother) who sails for Europe in 10 days - I heard him asking a friend at table whether he could get him one or two good letters to Mr. Lawrence, as he did not care to have merely official civilities - He did not address me on the subject, but if you know Mr. Lawrence well yourself, or if any of your connexion could give letters to him which he would esteem of weight - I should be much pleased if you would enclose them to me, within the course of next week. Mr. J. J. A. has resided for years in Europe - in Italy & on the Continent, & probably would not need any courtesies - but as he knew well the former minister, he naturally prefers taking letters to Mr. Lawrence, if he can get good ones - as he would present no others. Apart from his position here - as his father's son - Mr. A. is a perfect gentleman, in all things, & would do credit to his introductions - Give yourself no trouble about this matter, but, if it falls in your way, it will gratify me to show Mr. Astor this unasked attention. I have written to Mr. Thos. F. Cary, preferring the same request -

This is all, my dear Gray, I believe - I have no news - no botany - for you, being about as dull & dumpy as a clod of the Valley - but such as I am - Very truly &

Aff'y yrs. C.

I cannot read your pencil name of the Collector on this Ticket - Tell me who he is - If you can read it yourself ??

Mat-a-tee-che
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3 feet high
Florida

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

times very feeble, & is an object of much solicitude— I hope to receive them this Afternoon, at the Hudson RRd., on their way to Newport, where my son has taken lodgings, with a view to trying the Sea Air— I accompany them, at their urgent request, but shall not make any stay if, as I allow myself to hope, Mrs C. should appear to be on the mend— I have heard nothing whatever, from Boston, or Cambridge, & know not whether Mr Loring be yet married— so I have not ventured to tender him my good wishes— The Mudfogs met, last week, at New Haven— Torrey was there, & Maj. LeConte. I saw them both before they started, but not since— I do not know what Botanists they had— or could have— except Torrey— Agassiz has been making himself Enemies, in certain quarters, by his published views on the diversity of origin of the human race— The wretched Webster is to be executed on the 30th. The papers say that it is rumoured he has now made a second Confession, acknowledging premeditated murder, but this is not to be credited— tho' it is the hands of the authorities until

Gale Street, 26 Augt. 1850.

Truly, my dear Gray, none out of your own family could more truly rejoice, than I have done, at your happy tidings. I pray God, that your dear wife may continue to mend, & that, should I have the happiness of seeing her again, I may witness the evidence of it in her good looks & cheerful spirits— In the meantime, I pray you to give my best love to her, with sincerest sympathy & congratulations— I am well pleased to hear such good accounts of my old Linnaean brethren— I nothing doubt, but that you were happy amongst such kind & congenial spirits— Brown wears well, & may live to reach the years of our good departed Forster— I am very sorry to hear what you tell of Boott— My very kindest regards to him, Bell, & any other of the friendly hearts who yet remember me—

Three days ago, I deposited with Mr. Putnam, a rather bulky package of Florida Plants, which I requested him to forward, as you desired. He said

it was probable that it might go by the present conveyance (Niagara) but he was not quite sure. He said also that you would know where to apply for it, in London, at their Office. You will observe that I have sent you many duplicates where I could - as I thought they would be acceptable to your friends, & I have also added a few things which I had, on hand, from Short & others. Chapman's Cyperaceæ are particularly rich & good, & you will see I have supplied you liberally. The Grapes are also pretty good. I have sent Chapman's MS. names, in all cases, & hope the Britishers will respect them, as I fear Chapman will never himself publish his new things. Try to get an authentic bit of Kunth's Polygala bicolor (or at least 1 or 2 fls. & seeds) - You will see the plant, in Chapman's Collect., with which I wish it compared - I have discovered another error in the Flora, in this genus, which I should like to straighten out, in a paper - if the opportunity ever serves - Also, when you are amongst the bookshops, ask if they have any add vols. of D.C. Prod. & make an mem. of such, with the price & shop. If I could make up my broken set, cheaply I should like to do it, but will not trouble you with a list of the required volumes, at present, at least. By the way, my brother told me that your old publisher, Wiley, failed some 2 or 3 months ago - so you have done well in the change you made. I have but little news for you - Torrey & the girls are all well, but Mrs. T. has been very feeble, all the summer, I hear, tho' I have not seen her, having refused many most kind invitations to Princeton. My brother is, as usual, Mrs. Sam. C. was confined a fortnight ago, at her Mother-in-law's house, opposite West Point. The infant died shortly after its birth, but she, I hear, is doing well - I have seen very little of my own young folks, as they have been travelling all the summer, but, I am concerned to say that Mrs. C. was taken suddenly & seriously ill, some 5 weeks ago, in Maryland, & tho' after 3 weeks detention, my son was enabled to get her to her mother's at Rokeby (near Barrytown) yet the con-

New York - 2d Decr 1850.

I was much pleased, My dear Mrs Gray, to receive your kind & welcome letter of 24 Octr. which reached me some fortnight since - I nothing doubted that you would enjoy your European trip, but that every thing should have turned out so pleasantly, & above all, that your strength should be so greatly recruited, is indeed, joyful hearing, & I heartily congratulate you, & the dear Doctor, on your happiness. As to your English Companion, in Switzerland, I can only say, that if I ever knew a gentleman of the name of Mark, both the man & the fact have escaped my recollection; which I should scarcely think probable in the case of "an old friend" - However, I am glad that even my name should have procured you a passing civility, though I cannot but suppose that some other Mr Carey was in the mind of your travelling companion - I have been much grieved to hear of poor Boott's serious indisposition - He writes me that he is better, but feels that he is growing old - a sensation in which I can myself well sympathise, tho' several years his junior - The weakness of my eyes still continues - more or less - & I find the evenings very long & dreary - sometimes insupportably so, as I have no one to converse with, & am rarely able to read with comfort - after 7 or 7½ o'clock, in the evening - I have only the alternative of the sofa - which interferes with my night's rest - or actually going to bed - which is no better. I thank you for your kind remarks & enquiries respecting my daughter - whom, however, I have scarcely seen during the summer. She only returned to the City, with my sons, about a fortnight ago,

of their house — which was to have been ready for them in Septem.r — was not completed until the 20th of Nov.r! They are now very busy in furnishing it — & I see but little of them. My daughter is quite convalescent, but very thin, & apparently far from strong. My son is in robust health, & is really a very fine young man, of the extraordinary weight of 197 lbs. (I mean extraordinary at his years!) — What you tell me of your excellent father's happiness, in his new connection; & the satisfaction of yourself & family in the alliance, is highly gratifying to me, & I trust that many bright years are in store for you all. I shall rejoice to welcome you home, if I am here — though I dare not promise myself the happiness of visiting you, at Cambridge, next Autumn, as you so kindly propose. I suppose you know more of the movements of our good friends the Dorreys than I can tell you. The Doctor is in Town, I think, as he is now lecturing at the College — but it is 5 or 6 weeks since I saw him (at a farewell dinner given to Dr. Alexander, by my Mother — the Dr. sailed for Eng.d 22 Oct.r) Mrs. Dorrey & Maggie & Herbert are with Mrs. Ward — somewhere near Albany, I believe — where they are to remain for the best part of the winter — Eliza is spending her mornings, helping H. Grant at the library, which she has done for 3 or 4 months past — boarding somewhere in Broadway — & Jane is on a visit to her Aunt Lee — Mrs. Robert — but I believe she does not stop thro' the winter. Thus the family are all scattered, & I rarely see any of them — well as I love them all. I believe the Doctor has done no Botany lately — at least, I have not heard him talk of having anything particular in hand. I grieve to say that I thought Mrs. Dorrey looked very feeble & emaciated when she passed thro' the City — some 5 or 6 weeks ago — She has been more or less indisposed throughout the whole Summer — This is all my news! I have been in town all the past Season, & have seen no person or thing of any interest to you, or the good Doctor — I am glad that the bundle of (Chapman) plants arrived safely — I had hoped that I might have sent some, from other quarters, but I have received none since I forwarded the last package.

"Free Soil" is dead — "Union Meetings" (so called) are being held every where — Boston not excepted! — & the cause of humanity — of the oppressed Negro — now bows before the clamour of the Southern States & the interested politicians, & dealers in Cotton & Sugar, throughout the U. S. — If human rights be not a fallacy, I think Mess.rs Webster — Fillmore &c. have much to answer for — However, the question, if not at rest, is out of fashion (!) for the time being — & the South, & the "Cotton lords" are rampant — A member of Congress called on me 2 days since, on his way to Washington, & from him I learnt that the complexion of the Senate was not materially changed by the recent elections, & that the repeal or any modification of the iniquitous "Fugitive Slave law" could not possibly pass that body, even if it were carried thro' the lower house, which last he thought quite probable. You will forgive this little bit of Politics — partly as a "Free-Sailer" yourself, & partly, as your good man may not have an opportunity of seeing Amer.n Newspapers during your Stay with the kind & hospitable Benthams — thanks my letter find you still there, as I anticipate. There are so many "last words" in connection with such a job as Dr. Gray has in hand, that 6 weeks may not be found elapse very quickly — & 6 additional ones as much for the comfortable investigation of all the reserved niddities.

My eyes being more than satisfied with the length of my letter I shall relieve them & you by only adding that I am, with much love, Yr. affe. Jane Carey

Mr. Carey
New York
Dec. 20th. 58.

for Mrs G.

paid. Pr Steamer Niagara.

Prof.r A. Gray.
Care of Mess.rs Brown Shipley & Co
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Jane St. Tuesday afternoon –

My dear Gray – In brother Sam's package I found the parcel of your duplicate grasses, for which I am greatly obliged – Some of them I had already "tolled" when assorting your grasses 5 yrs. ago – others were new to me – However, I do not hoard, like our friend Barratt, but give all away, like yourself, after reserving a full geographical suite – And now one or 2 remarks, by way of payment for your contribution –

Amongst the specimens you got from Herb. Hooker is a Calamagrostis from the Rocky Mts. of which I took one, as in duty bound – It is labelled, by Torrey, "C. canadensis, awn inserted lower than usual" – In my own herb. I merely wrote – not C. canad. Amongst the plants of Mr. Storer from S. Labrador, recently derived from you, is another piece of this same plant – & now, in your last invoice, comes C. Hallerciana DC. from Lagerheim & Sjögren (beautiful names these Swedish Bloody-Frenchmen have!) which after careful dissection I pronounce to be the same thing. They have written on their printed label – C. phragmitoides, meaning, of course, C. pseudophragmites, Reichenb. a syn. which I observe Kth. gives under C. Hallerciana DC. which it seems is the Arundo pseudo-phragmites Schrad. Here is a new species, for our Books, unless you, or some other wise man, have made the discovery before me –

The alpine Agrostides, from Agassiz, (on the labels of which you did not rely) were mixed, in both cases – A. alpina has very hairy branches to the panicle, the lower palea with 2 sharp distinct cusps, & the awn at the

very base – A. rupestris has nearly smooth branches to the panicle – cusps wanting on the lower palea, & the awn inserted a very little below the middle – Altho' the specimens you sent me were mixed, yet I suspect they were rightly intended – as the A. rupestris only contained 2 panicles of A. alp. & that species only one root of A. rup. I mention this to you, as it is probable your's are also mingled – tho' the species are very distinct, & I now know them without the microscope – A. alp. has a very small, but distinct upper palea, but I do not detect any rudiment of it in A. rupestr. which is a good Bichodium good boe.

I have, from Mr. Curtis what he calls "Poa autumnalis, Ell!" which is just your P. sylvatica except that it is 4-fld. I think it maybe P. compyla – see a specimen, in your herb, without locality.

This is all I have to communicate, at the moment, as a "man of grass," & if you do not profit by it why the fault is none of mine.

Sam. has given me a good many seeds of the Texan things, which, with sundry specimens from your garden will help me to a knowledge of many of them – I am longing for a sight of your paper – ought not the first sheet to have reached me ere this? You will be sorry to hear that the worm is in the bird heimer hundley (at least in Sam's) & the specimens are also mouldy in many cases – However, he is going over them with Alcoh. & cor. subl.

It is a long while since I saw our friend Torrey – He has been very busy of late examining the Med. Students, I understand – The family all leave town this week, or early in the next, I believe – They are now spread about the city, having given up their lodgings – My John comes to town, for good, next week, being now clear of his engagement with the Iron Company – He is to be married some day in the 2nd week of April (from the 9th to the 13th) This is, absolutely, all my news & I should not have troubled you with a letter were it not that I wished to thank you for the parcel of grasses, & to say my little say concerning them –

If you feel as I do, you are heartily disgusted at the conduct of the Politicians – of both parties – on the Slavery question – The Northern whigs are backing out as fast as they can, from the Free-Soil principles because, they do not care to weaken the administration, or divide their party – whilst the Democrats are taking open ground with the South, tho' a large number of them belonged, only a year ago, to the Free-Soil party! The South, with their threats of disunion, have fairly frightened & bullied the weak & wavering; & are striking (in some shape or another) the politicians proper – even California is not to be admitted, unless more Slave States are made out of what they chose to call Texas; thus swallowing up a principal part of N. Mex? They say (the Southern men) that Calif. is far too large for admission, as a state, while Texas, as already admitted, runs from Houston to Sun-set! I believe there are not 20 men in Congress, who care whether human beings are bought & sold as chattels, except in so far as they are interested politically, in the management of the agitation – My soul is sick – even to loathing – of the base, cold-hearted truckling of these Politicians – As to the South,

they dare not — cannot — carry out their threats — if the Northern men would only be true to the views & feelings of their Constituents & show a united & bold front — using their majority in Congress to deal righteously by the oppressed Africans — But I feel there is no chance of it. — A Southern re-action has already commenced, & will make head rapidly, I fear — on the plea of saving the Union but, in fact, to save political parties & influences. Excuse this much of Politics, with which I am not apt

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to trouble you, but I feel some excitement on this one question, & the more since I see base party influences are to weigh down good morals, & perpetuate human bondage. My best love to dear — Mrs. G. — of whose improvement I shall hear with very much pleasure when she has time & inclination to write to Yrs. very Affy

H.

The newspapers will have informed you of the public meetings here to "Down with the Wilmot Proviso" at their banners day.

Thursday Eve. 29/11

Very many thanks, my dear good friend for all that you have done, both positively & negatively — I received your valued letter this Morng but must withold this my reply until tomorrow — this being our Thanksgiving Day I could not enclose the needful.

It is perhaps well that I was not present at the sale, or a sight of the Mad.s wd. perhaps have tempted me beyond what prudence wd. dictate. It is probable, as you say, that even $25 might not have brought them — Of course I am much pleased with the Lindlicher & Microscope — I knew not that the former was so costly a work — Your doings as to the change of doublet for the accommodation of our friend Sprague has my entire concurrence, & as you say, very truly, that I shall have a 2 & 5 l. (of which the Aveg.e is 3½ l.) why I ought to be content without the 3!

There is only one point which I regret — I wish I had given you a discretionary order for the Schk. with or without the supplement — The fact is, it has become — thanks to your Manual — a sort of necessity with me — Booth — Sartwell & Dewey all refer me to certain figs. of Schk. to which I can make no reply — now, at the rate at which it sold (188/.) I could have afforded

to have written to Boott to procure me the Suppl. which, either in Lond. or on the Continent, he would have continued to do - or even failing that, it would have been worth my having, so far as it goes - However, as I suppose your settlement with the Coll. will have been made before my letter reaches you it is now too late to ask you to let me supersede them in this small matter - otherwise, I should have ventured to have done so, on the plea that it will be of far more use to me than to the Coll. library. Of the vols. you offer me, I have Muhl. Gram. but shall be glad of Nuttall's genera - of course it would be too much to ask Mr. Harvey to bring the books on, but if you judge it most safe, perhaps he would take charge of the Microscope - & I shall beg you, as there were 2 sets of doublets to see with your own sharp eyes that the right ones come on to me - viz. ¼. ½. 1. 2. 5. 10 - If you think it can ride safely with the books & plants - (for the last, my best thanks in advance) why the Express man may make one business of it - I shall be very happy to see & welcome Harvey - still more so, since he has become your personal friend - My a/c. seems to stand thus - Microscope - $17

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for which amt. I enclose draft of City Bk. N. Y.
your favor on City Bk. Boston

I have not included the cost of Sehk. fearing I am too late, but shall be glad to find otherwise -

I deeply regret that the dear Lucebife is again ailing - I pray my love to her, & at once admit that I am her debtor in the matter of Correspondce. I shall have much pleasure in squaring the account when I get but a modicum of Ladies news - Our dear friends the Dorreys have a party at Princeton to-day, & are all there. I was most kindly & pressingly invited, but being rather low & out-of-sorts said no - There is another matter in which I must use you. I must have a Copy of Tuckerman's Potamog. (Sill. Journ. Vol. 7 N. 21) so you will please write to Dana or Mr. Benn. to look up some extra sheets & mail it to me nolens volens, & incontinently - The truth is, your friend Dr. Maclagan of Amherst the [illegible] has sent me a package of his "Caution fungi" amongst which are certain Potamogeta, of which I know about as much as doth a pig of Mathematics, & hence the lucubrations of your "friend" have become a necessary - I see by a letter of Boott that he is now lichenizing with Fries. I have the small package for you from Maclagan - advised in my last - if you want it at once, send me a line with the books - if not, I shall wait some private opport.y. Once again, accept my best thanks & believe me, dear Gray Most truly & affy. yrs.

Amongst Miscellaneous Items is a photo. Chemical (Indian ink) & pencil sketches with Prof. Agassiz's autograph, and ~~photo~~ have an illustration of it except the Rev (Multiplicity) Field State Team Yale game, & on which I so much hope - If you have and outline in ink. Returning the Pleasure that it will give my fellow-students, I shall be remember to say as a Yankee man. I shall be remember to say as a characteristic of Illinois when our "Team" plays.

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My dear friend – I have before me your kind letter of Saturday, & this morning rec.d the Cat. of Goodakes' books – There are many which I should like, but confine myself to the following which w.d be useful, if sold very cheap, otherwise I must forego any purchase just now –

Lot 13. Ann. N. Y. Lyc. Nat. Hist. 3 vols 8vo –
I would give 150/. pr vol. (or, if sold together) – $5: –

54. De Cand. Prod. 12 vols, 150/. pr vol. or together – 20: –

101. Endlicher Gen. Plant. –
102. – – – 2 Supts. } I know not what to say for this, as I have no idea of the importation price – If $6 or 8 dolls. will buy it, I should like it –

100. Endlicher Enchirid. What is this? If it is useful, & not a costly 8vo. I should like it –

296. Schkuhr's Carices – If complete with the Supplement, I would give $5 or 6 for it – I have not the smallest idea of its value – perhaps I am ridiculously below it –

As to the Microscope, I have only thus much to say — I think your plan a good one of offering it at the sale — when, if it does not go off — I will give $15 for it with the complete set of 6 lenses (¼. ½. 1. 2. 3. 5) without the 4 extra ones — I like 6, (with the 10 lines you have for me) would be abundantly sufficient for me — Poor Oakes shewed me his Microscope, & said that it only cost him $20, or $22, but that another which he imported for Robbins cost $40 (or 35) but he did not think it worth the difference — Yours I think cost $30 — but it ~~makes~~ is no matter, as I have named my maximum, which is in fact, (entre nous) more than I can afford, properly speaking — Thus much of business — If any of the lots go at my mark, please make the purchase, & I will remit you, by mail, the requisite amount — I wish I could afford to go higher for the books, but, happily, it is no sin to be poor, however inconvenient —

I am rejoiced at what you tell me concerning "Cousin John", & beg to offer him my best congratulations. There is only one feature in the arrangement which I find it unpleasant to dwell upon — the fact, namely, that it will leave another void at the dear Papa's table — The family, reduced to himself & Charley, will I fear seem sadly lonely to him!

My kindest love to your dear wife — I am always very happy to receive her letters, but she has enough to do, I know, & I will wait her entire leisure with patience — My John is again in the City, but I see very little of him — He lives, nominally, at Sam's, in Murray St., but actually at Mrs A's in Lafayette Place. I do not, of course, desire to allure him from his allegiance. Indeed, I have nothing in Jane Street calculated to amuse him, & am very dull & low spirited, just now, so that he would change good Company for the very worst —

Dr Alexander sails in the steamer "Crescent City" (8 days hence) for Jamaica, where he will spend more or less time, according to circumstances — He seems rather nervous on the subject of the Yellow fever — even in winter — However, he says that he may spend twelve months on the Island, in the High lands — if he finds himself comfortable — Last week, I had a letter from Dr Bromfield — he remarks,

"Our truly amiable & worthy friend Dr Gray has been most kind & liberal in sending me copies of his valuable publications — I do not know in what way I can return his kindness except with heartfelt thanks, which, should you be writing to him I may take the liberty of requesting you to convey to him for me, & also I hope to send him the Roots of Hants plants I spoke of — they will not form so weak an offering as I could wish my friend to accept — they must however be kind enough to take them as an earnest of the

large & more complete Flora — with which I shall hope to present both yourself & Dr. Gray "—

This is all, my dear Gray, except to beg my respects to Dr. Harvey, & to assure him of the unabated & affect.e regards of Yr. J.H.

Neither Thyspanocarpus nor Lepidium are comfortable in the Flora — The species want looking into —

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I should like to see the Vesicaria — I hope that I may do so some day — If any "sweepings" or scraps remain after the examination save them for me — Oddly enough, it was only last week I was working out the 4 or 5 (!) species I have —

I have not seen Torrey for a week or more —

Dr. Maclagan writes me that he is about sending me 1 or 2 Crataegi which you wished him to get, & which I shall forward to you by first opportunity — after arrival.

Thursday – 18 Oct.

Jane Metz

My dear Gray.

Your's of "Monday" reached me last afternoon, too late for reply by Mail –

The Carex Rau band is in very bad order, & quite mouldy, so that I am not astonished that Rau should not recognize in it your old friend C. aurea, Nutt. which I doubt not that it is – As this species has very commonly the uppermost spike fertile at the apex, it is not in fact, unlike C. bicolor, All. in that State. The differences are principally, I think, as follows,

Allionii's plant has commonly but 3 (much smaller) spikes all terminal, or nearly so – whilst Nutt's has very generally the remote 4th spike –

Allionii has a plano-convex per.m indistinctly nerved, & the scale is rightly described by Kth. as "obovato-elliptica apice rotundato" whilst Nuttall's has the per.m "obovate or pear-shaped, obtuse, nerved, longer than the ovate acute scale", as no less correctly described by the great-(est!!) Am.n authority in Gray Herb.m! – Of the 2 spec.ns Rau band, one has the upper spike androgynous – the other has lost it altogether – both have the remote lower spike – As I doubt not Rau have more better specimens please

I have seen Torrey's memory as to the Ranius of the Gen. illust. This would not be that Nutt examined – Give him up yourself.

compare them with your authentic C. aurea (arranged with your Panicea – Alas! your Index is not yet made!) & then judge accordingly – letting me know the result, at leisure –

of C. bicolor, all. I have only 2 (rather poor) Europ.n spec.s – If I ever saw any American ones – which I do not now remember to have done – they must be in your Herb. – arranged with my "Strata" – unless I took, for the sence, your Friend Tuck.i's S. bicolores. resting on – I know not what – "All which is respectfully submitted &c."

I now, on my part, ask your attention to the enclosed grass – which is a fragment of the spec.n you gave me out of brother Charley's Lake Superior Collect.s – doubtless, also in Agassiz & therefore in your way – finding myself by Michaux's Char. 1. p. 62 I think it is his Aira melicoides, & the Graphephorum of Desv. as given by Kunth 1. p. 250. a plant which though credited to Canada appears to be unknown to our modern botanists – Our friend Torrey, refers (doubtfully) to Koleria Penn.a the "G.? Elliottii" of Ktth. – Loring's plant is very near to Eustrea in its most important Char.s – Let me know about it – I send you a mere bit, as you have abundant & better specimens –

Since my return to N.Y. I chanced Sam. what you wrote about Oakes' plants – He said that altho' they are doubtless very beautiful, yet, as he had most, if not all, of the species, he did not think it worth while to subscribe for a set.

I believe this is all – in the way of business!

Your few lines were very welcome, as I was rather inclined to be fidgetty about you – Olney told me that he thought you were working too hard for your health – which I was predisposed to fear – & as it is very long since I heard from the dear "wee-wife" I had begun to be anxious about her also – I pray you by N. Gray be more moderate – It is "cheapest" in the end –

Torrey is in town, & Eliza – The latter goes up to W. Point with Maj. Delafield next week to make a short visit to Mrs Bailey – Jane, I believe, preceded them – Mrs B. tells me, to my great regret, that the Prof.r is scarcely able to leave his room – & is to spend the winter in Flor.a

I am most sorry to say that both Torrey & I tripped Prof. Harvey, though we dodged each other about in the vain endeavour to meet – I cropped him at least twice, between his quarters – Pine St. & Jane St. If he is with you, express my sincere regrets to him – Love to dear Mrs G. & much to yourself H.

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Send me a copy of Darwin's 'Will of Plants' if you have any spare copies — Great, I have five
My respects to him. Hope he is not one in myriad

My dear Gray — Tuesday Morning —

Your note of the 5th was handed to me by A. Grant, here, so that it did not find me at Princeton, as you supposed, & hence the message to my good Torrey have not reached him — as yet. As to "Gallivanting" I scorn your words! Nevertheless, I have "entered a plea" on the subject of my recent neglect of botany, in the enclosed to Mrs Gray — a fitter judge than yourself, of such matters. Many thanks for your congratulations. Truly, master John's arrangement has made me a sort of public character — I presented myself, for the first time, in Wall St. yesterday, & was almost surprised to find how extensively the news has been spread — However, the standing of Mr. Astor rendered such a publicity inevitable. I have safely received the copy of Gen. illust. for which you must permit the renewed expression of my hearty thanks. It is, in all respects, most grateful to my feelings — I shall talk to Torrey about the notice of it, for Ill. Journ. as I am led to expect that he will visit N.Y. this week — I did mention the matter to him, at Princeton — Thanks for your letter to Lea — He sent me some copies of the Cat. in consequence of it, which I am now distributing — My mind has been so distracted this summer, & especially within the last month, that I know not how I shall resume my hermit life — I already feel my position one of solitude! though I have only been 2 days away from Mr. Astor's family — I fear that I have destroyed in 2 or 3 months what it has cost me more years of stern & melancholy resolution to build up — a reliance on my own

unaided resources for Companionship – I always knew that I was not intended to live alone, but hoped (vainly, I fear) that I had at last succeeded in doing a perpetual violence to my Nature. This winter, will have to be, either a very lonely & sullen one, with me – or, shall I allow myself to be drawn (thro' Mr. A's family) into the vortex of Society once

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more, an unusually gay one – I suppose John will make a visit here, every 4 or 5 weeks, & my only way of seeing him, at all, will be to "seek him in his haunts" – Meantime, I shall try to resume my condition of repose – tho' my friends here, are speculating with satisfaction upon the certainty of my new connections, restoring me, as they say, to Society! However this may be, I am, & shall be very affectionately yrs. E.

Answd 23

51 Broad Street –
20 June

My Dear Doctor –

Your's of 10th is before me – I have to thank you for your replies to my queries, by which I find there is nothing to be done as to more foreign Coulter Plants – My present object is this – I have just had the offer of a business Agency at Baltimore! & altho' it is bare bread & cheese with little or no promise for the future, yet as it will ward off Starvation, I incline to think I shall accept it, at least for a time – Now, in such case, I shall have to leave the City very soon, & as I do not wish to take with me more luggage than necessary, I propose to make some disposition of my (now pretty large) bundle of Cap.d Spec.ns – If you would like them, such as they are, of course I shall send them on with pleasure; if not, suppose I send them all to this same Mr Harvey, & ask him if there are any "Sweepings" of the Coulter Plants left, but by no means exacting them as a return – Would he, think you, like the Middle States Plants? If so, how shall I

address them? Must I wait for a vessel to Dublin direct, or will one of our Liverpool packets answer the purpose?

Sam. proposes to subscribe for your "General illustrated &c". Will it be any advantage to you to take the Subs.ns direct, or shall they be given to Wiley & C.? I did not, in my last sufficiently thank you for all the nice things in the Box - Many of them are most valuable to me, partic.y the Compositae - I wish you could send me by Hype, Spec.ns of the Vaccinia as you determine them - (especially the Pennsyl.a & Corymb. Section) I never understood them, & there is much perplexity about them - Amongst a few Key West Plants you sent, I find what I take for a Baccharis with little spathulate leaves (?) what is this? There is nothing like it in the Flora. The Spec.n has no flowers but some old involucra, very like Baccharis - I send you enclosed a (to me) very queer thing I have no Microscope observe, but it looks like part of a stemmed Drosera! It was adhering to the root of Leyer's No. 463 (a plant of Hydrophyllum) If I am right is it not the first specimen for ~~stemmed~~ Drosera in our part of the World?

I beg you, my good friend, not to write your labels in pencil - I know you are pressed for time, but pen & ink are always handy & take no more time or labour in the use - Let me hear from you as soon as you have 10 mins. to spare, as I shall want to make away with my Dup.s, as soon as may be, if I am going to Baltimore -

Are there any Botanists there? I saw Torrey, & took his package to him at the Phil.a Ferry - He very kindly gave me the 2 missing numbers of the Flora - Mr. Curtis' package I will leave with Sparks (whom I know) & that for Lapham I will leave in Broad St. when I go away, if I should - In any case, I hope not to lose sight of Botany, but to amuse my lonely evgs. again, when I get stuff enough together for reference. It will be easy to transport the contents of my pigeon hole, by RR Co. from time to time -

Truly Yrs. Jno Carey

Miss Kern has Hooker's 810, & I believe has Hooker's one this journey

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small power — I have called twice on Davidson, who seems to know nothing about Delf's shipment, so the matter is very uncertain, at present —

I have a note from Torrey, today, who says — "we are all in our usual health" — & that he "hopes to make you a short visit before his Cross by St. lectures commence —" It is settled that they board in N.Y. until next spring.

This is my only item of news, as I go nowhere, see nobody, — indeed, for several weeks past I have felt very unwell, & old.

I trust the "new Brother" will be a comfort to Papa, to whom I beg my kind respects also to your brother, & all the Brothers & Sisters at Boston — Believe me,

Very affec.y Your's & dear Mr. Gray's much obliged E.C.

21st St. New York —
Wed.y Noon —

My dear Gray,

Your letter has this moment reached me, & I reproach myself for having caused you the slightest anxiety.

You greatly under-estimate my appreciation of your letters, however "short, hurried & unsatisfactory" in supposing that I should ever deem one — with all these deficiencies — "undeserving an answer", but, the truth is, I regarded your kind note as a mere acknowledgment of the one I previously wrote to you & informing me of your safe arrival. I thought it needed no reply — except as to your most kind invitation — to which I am unprepared, at present, with any other answer, than my very

I am not fantasizing, but do a little planning — & hope to have my interests in worthier order next year —

sincere thanks - I have been for some time suffering from a very severe cold, & for the last 3 days have not quitted the house. However, I wish to think myself better, to day, & am going down town - My young folks will not return home, I suppose, until the end of October, & I must not therefore venture to speculate upon how strong I may be when winter sets in - I can only say, & with much truth, that it would give me great happiness to find myself again under your roof, & in charge of Dear Mrs Gray - I greatly wish to see you both, but please say to Mrs G., with my kindest love, that I well understand how busy she must be - & I cheerfully forego (& from choice) the pleasure which her letters always give me - until she is comfortably settled -

Many thanks for the Pl. Hartwig. Keep them, at present, also the H. & Am. Bot. for which I am your debtor. I could not use them, now, if I had them. I have Brott's Car. in Hook. Fl. Bor. & I corrected ~~the it up~~ from a Copy Brott sent to you - I suppose that Sartwell & Olney are both supplied ? I think of no others especially interested in Caricography. I have not seen Mr Curtis, nor Dr Chapman - The former left a card for me in Pine St. some weeks ago - without his address - of course, I could not find him & felt annoyed, lest he might think I did not care to see him - As to Chapman, I knew not that he was in the North -

Can I assist you in the matter of your N. Yk. boxes ? If so, remember I am here, & always at your service - willingly - to the extent of my

Blackheath –
Wed.y Evening –

My Dear Friends,
I have been disappointed in my hope of seeing you today – I arrived at the Nat.l Gallery at 12.30, & remained there till 2.20, returning again, at 3.30, I stayed for about a quarter of an hour, & then gave you up –

What other chance of meeting you, will your arrangements afford?

I would run down to
Kew, for an hour – or
endeavour to meet you
somewhere in London,
or at the West End –
I desire to see you
both once again – if it
may be – May GOD
bless you both –

Yrs. aff

H.

~~Saturday~~ Friday Night - 31 Decr.!

Many happy New Years to you, my dear Gray & to your heart's darling! I wrote you a long letter about your Title Page & preface, & also returned the corrected proof by the mail of the 29 Inst. both, I hope, safely to hand. As I learn from Jaime Grant that W. & P. will be sending to Boston on Monday, I conclude to forward to you the ½ doz. specimens made last Summer, & I call your especial attention to the Filices as magnificent. Le triomphe de l'Art, as a B. F. would say — I return your number of Hooker's Jour. Bot. & wish you to send me any you may have rec.d (with Summ.r of Geyer's Plants) subsequent to the 2 Nos. I had of Sullivant's — that is to say, I have had 3 numbers — I also send you my last 2 letters from Boott, which I give you a fortnight to digest, at the expiration of which time you must return them, as I have yet to enter upon certain points with our good friend Boott, & may have occasion

to refer to his letters – I have done my very best to get together his wants – but of the new things I could get but scanty supplies, & only at second hand, as I do not know Wood, & he never answered the letter I wrote him, at your suggestion in 1845; & as to Vasey he is no doubt huffed, good man, at something which I have most unconsciously done, or omitted in my intercourse with him – How sad it is – that some folks will imagine offences, never dreamed of! However, I believe I have sent our good Booth Exemplars, more or less, of every thing he wants, & Olney has further sent him, tho' me, a very nice set of R. I. species – Upon the whole, I trust he will be well pleased with what I have sent him – They are now making a great noise, firing guns & Crackers, by way of welcoming the new Year, & as I am tired, & very feeble withal, I will only repeat my best wishes to you all, & go to bed – I do not get on so rapidly as I could wish, & am almost a prisoner, tho' I walk out a little – I trust George is improving – kind regards to him & Joe

Adieu!

Prof. A. Gray.

Sixth Street – Thurs.y 30 Nov.r

Intensely rily am I, Mr. Prof.r Gray, & hugely incensed at the atrocious negligence of your conduct upon which I proceed to comment – & well it is, that I write with a quill pen, or otherwise the (justifiable) heat, in which I find myself, might probably burn holes in the paper, if conducted thro' the medium of a steel one.

When I was at Cambridge, you refused to receive verbal directions as to the forwarding of my Herb. Paper, but required them in writing – adding that no mistake could occur when you had the instructions in your desk. Accordingly I desired the packages to be sent to the care of C. H.; & on my return hither, gave corresponding instructions to have the ft. paid, & a couple of men of the "strong-in-th'-arm" family sent with them for the purpose of lifting the heavy packages – After all this precaution, on my part, lo! Tuesday's mail brings me a letter (rec.d at 2 o'clk. P. M.) advising me that the Packages were directed to 4th Street (!) & I immediately sallied forth down town, to the off.e of the Bost. & Prov. Co. where I had the satisfaction (!) to learn that they had been despatched, within 1/2 an hour, by one of their own carts – Anticipating trouble, I got back as soon as possible, & learnt to my infinite dismay & rage (!) that they had arrived about 1/2 an hour before myself, but that the Carman, angrily said he could not lift the packages alone (true enough, for 1 box weighed nearly 400 lbs!) & finally that he would not leave them without payment of his freight bill! and accordingly my unfortunate packages were toted (toated?) all the way back again! Being in a consuming rage, I determined to sit down & write my intended big-word paper, which cooled me down a little, & Forrey coming in to spend the evening with me, I had the further satisfaction of blowing him up well to know

well - yesterday morng. C. & Co. sent a Cart with 2 lusty "citizens" to the office, where they proposed to mulct me in 2 Cartages - one of them being for carrying the paper from my own door! This, it seems, was stoutly resisted, & at length remitted, so that I only lose one - which is, to be sure, no mighty matter, in that (smallest) view of your delinquency. The Genus paper got a little rubbed & stained at the edges - the wrappers being entirely worn through - but it is nothing of any importance - I have only opened one (the smaller) of the boxes - in which I find 2 bundles chafed thro' the brown paper, but only 2 or 3 of the uppermost white sheets injured - So far well - & if the larger Box has fared as well, I shall be quite content - if not, I am glad to think that a long time will elapse before I have occasion to open it, & I may (?) forget that it had 3 - instead of one - jolts over the stones of New York - & an equally unnecessary number of loadings & unloadings (!) Now, if I could only picture you to myself penitent - annoyed, self-condemning - I think I could here forgive you! but no - I see you laughing! enjoying the whole affair as a very good joke!! just, as when your carelessness mulcted poor Hooker in £10 stg. for a package of Bride-cakes!! at the very thoughts of which poor dear lady I was completely miserable, whilst you sat enjoying so good a joke, most complacently!!

"Sweet sensibility!" as somebody says somewhere - but why waste the quotation on you? - who have no knowledge of the article in question - I shall, at least, have pity & sympathy, from your gentler half, which thought consoles me - a little.

I enclose my (I think marvellously useful & ornamental) talk upon Pig-weeds - Lowey, to whom I read it on Tues.y Evg. told me that our friend Bromfield had a something on the Subject, & luckily, the number of the Bowm. Bot. in which it occurs, happened to be at Ms. Med. Col. when I found - to my great surprise! that most kind & flattering mention was made of my own name (!) & in connection with a Pig-weed (!!) & yet no single word of this distinction was ever conveyed to me by my friend (bah!) Mr. Prof.r Gray - himself the very personification of a Pigweed - but Truly, enough - a Spiny one - Gravia spinosa!! I accordingly added a note to my paper - "Doing the pretty" to friend Bromfield, as in duty bound - "Caw me, caw thee." - Now, I expect you to read - not merely look at - my lucubration, & if you think it of sufficient ~~importance~~ botanical interest send it to Silliman, or where else you see fit - If you do not like this job - take it as part of your penance - You owe me plenty! I would like you to send a Copy to Hog. Phil. (if he print it) & also a few to me, as I mean to send it - with some examples - to Bromfield - Also, please ask Silliman - when you write, to mail for me a Copy of your "friend" Puck's last botan.l paper - if he has any spare sheets left. I may want to refer to it some time or other - If you do not think my Pig-weeds "deserving of cultivation", just light your study-lamp with the Mss. (I admit the enormity of a Pipe is not amongst your failings) - & I shall feel satisfied with the apparent severity of your censorship - for that you shall not be scolded - I promise you, beforehand -

1 Dec.r I did not get down town yesterday, in time for the Banks - so had to delay my letter - I now enclose Off. of Merchts. Bk. N.Y. on Merch.ts Bk. Boston for $102.00 - the amt. of your figures, & which, so far as money-matters are concerned, squares accounts between us - but, for the rest, I retain so much resentment, as may be proper & necessary, & withal salutary for you, until I shall have had an opportunity of judging of the character, & degree of your penitence. I send you, therefore, not a single bland word, this time, but am, as hereafter may be, according the estimate I may form of your repentance, either, your appeased, or still wrathful & irate

Mr. Carey.

My dear Sir — Dear J. Surely darling Abi-
gail has sent to the Sun — I J. Surely darling Abi-
gail J am — that only thing should have occasioned to
[illegible] for dark again — The time of your former letter
came on to storm. Yet I feel that the man all but
for proper self again — Mind I still continue to claim
[illegible] the mighty debtor — this repeat to
[illegible] the same family — I mean other [illegible].

paid.

PAID

Prof. A. Gray
Harvard University
Cambridge
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PAID

Monday Morning —

Why am I used so badly, so infamously! my (by no means dear) friend? Here, some 10 days ago, I get 2 forms of Gram. & when I have got the steam well up, re graminum; there I am left stuck! to chew the end upon a synoptical arrangement; & some agrostideæ! You aught to be ashamed of yourself, & the forgetfulness incident to your condition is no adequate excuse — I am resolved to mulct you in 5£ for your negligence; the rather as U. S. wants the money for his Mex.n war, & that it should be wrung out of your packet for such a purpose will, I hope, add sting & bitterness to your merited punishment. Digitaria & Oplismenus are remitted with Panicum I suppose — but where do you put Miegia, if not in the Restricin.? Short finds it abundantly, & it must grow on the other side of the river, in Ohio — Again, What do you do with Mutt' Uralepis? — I have something to say about Paa — Our friend Torrey in N.Y. H.R. accredits P. pungens, Mutt. (citing Darlington) to P. Y. Sartwell — Now, S. sends me under that name Torrey's new sp. P. debilis — I sent

Bartrell a piece of the real P. pungens (received from Darlington himself, who seems to know Nuttall's plant, & the P. autumn. of Ell.) & he tells me he does not know it, & that it is not found at P. Jan! the specimens he sent Torrey being like what he sent me, viz: P. celsis, which I myself have found all about W. Nyk. but never the plant of Darlington, & I doubt (our good friend to the contr. notwithstanding) whether it is found in N.Y. — I make you a present of this information, tho' you deserve it not at my hands, & altho' I am, just now, hugely out of humour with you —

Business compelled me to lay aside my sheet, which I now take up, in a rather milder mood, but with frozen fingers! Alas! that New England airs (any thing but balmy) "should ere come thither
such sweets to wither.
the flowers lay down their heads & die"
&c.

Well — to resume on the subject of grapes. I am quite satisfied with what I have seen of your doings, thus far. Sporobolus has completely the habit of Vilfa & could not be distinguished from it in a very early state, unless the ~~unite~~ bracts forming the utricle in the first, should be visible in an early stage of the inflorescence. When I have day-light (unfortunately now indispensable time) to spare, I shall look into this with the microscope —

Apropos of unite bracts; I observe you attribute my gen.c char. of Carex, considering the perig. to be so composed, whereas it seemed to me rather (theoretically) of only one, inflected, because, in many instances, I could detect but one rib or suture — However, as I am always ready to defer to your much more accurate judgment in such matters, I only advert to the fact, by way of acknowledging my indebtedness to your correcting hand, for making me talk as I ought to do, in the premises; or in other words, "like a book" — Agassiz has sailed (or rather steamed) off for Charleston — I called once at the Med. Coll. but missed him. I have nothing to say about Torrey — You probably have his news.

Sam. continues to complain of his throat but the secretions have no sanguinary tint, which is so far well —

My kind regards to the boys, & best love to dear Lady J. — if you ever see her. Tell her she has rendered you good for nothing!

Did I tell you Sam. has another boy — now 5 weeks old — making 5! in all.

Prof.r A. Gray
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Massachusetts.

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Sixth Street – Friday Morng. 7/11

My Dear Gray.

Two days since, I wrote you a long letter to accompany your Carpet Bag, in a package of our friend Torrey's – but, as the good Doctor spent last Evenf. with me, I learn that he has not forwarded it; & hence I have determined to send you – as you wished – the best set I could make out of my Summer's gatherings for Mr. Lowell – I wish, for his sake, they were more in number, & rarer things – but it may be that as the specimens are good, he may not disdain them – especially the Ferns & Big-weed! I also send you, in a separate paper, 4 specimens – for your own Herb! which I found in my Package from Olney, which I carried from Cambridge unopened – I send you his pathetic remonstrance with them, by which I perceive that I am not the only gentleman who have laboured in vain for the advancement of your proper Herb.m! So true it is that altho' "one man may lead a horse to water, 50 cannot make him drink" – I send you the "Herald" of Wedy & wish you to read the 2 leading articles I have marked, & which are so exactly in accordance with our anticipations as to the first use to be

made of the election of Taylor, by his supporters, viz. to prove the indifference of the people, in general, as to the Slavery extension question; & thus to truckle to the South, as usual (!) by according to them the so-called "Compromise" — "My heart is pained, my soul is sick" &c. &c. add to all which, I am "wrathy" as the gentle-spirited Cowper never was —

Tomey & I had a two or three hours sederunt last night — on Big-weeds, in general — in connection with his collections, which I have — & the consequence is my recollection is recalled to my Rouhieva. Remarkably which the world is to be all the wiser (& therefore better?) for — but to the shame & disgrace of New York be it said — we have no Copy here of the Am. Sc. Nat. !! The metropolis of the western world !!! The Empire City !!! Now, therefore, if you were as good a fellow as you ought to be — meaning thereby much better than you sometimes are — you will send me forthwith the date of the papers establishing respectively the Gen. Rouhieva & Ambrina, that I may know which has the preference, & "come up" my talk understandingly — Once more, my best love to your Dear little Lady, & kindest regards to Brother Joe & the "Dinner Party" —

Ever truly yrs D.

Sixth Street, 6 July

My dear Gray — I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the visit of our friend Forney to return your number of Sill. Jour. & please bear in mind that I do return it, & do not 6 months hence (as in the case of Hook. Jour. Bot.) charge me with losing it. I have had another — less severe — attack of my late disorder, but as I had not recovered my strength this slighter relapse has brought me down very low — both in mind & body, & I cannot help feeling that much of my solicitude, as to future means of support, has been at the root of my recent & own disease — My gloomy, & at times painful, infirmities admonish me that my thoughts should be more of a future existence, than of the wants & requirements of the present — Last night brought me a letter from Mr. Bowen with a remittance of $16 (!!) I certainly did not look for this, & wrote solely for the interests of Bot. & your good self — So that I felt minded to return his Honorarium with due thanks. However, it occurred to me that by doing so, I should subject myself to the imputation of an affectation (which I know I do not feel) of placing myself in an attitude of superiority to those far more gifted pens & heads who statedly write for the Review. I therefore conclude to "pocket the affront" — the first-fruits of literature or Poetry, Bowen procured me — & I enclose a letter for Mr. Bowen which please peruse, & then "seal & deliver".

Your letter of the 29 Ult. reached me duly — & I heartily thank you for your renewed invitation. But I cannot — Even "Texas" has not charms for me — & were I going for any

I should desire no greater inducement to visit you than the company of yourself & dear little wife – I return you Boott's very pleasant note, & also Bentham's – With respect to the first I only ask that you must not let Sprague undertake too much or it is probable he will break down & do nothing – He has not quite your energy. In the matter of Bentham's parcel I had long talks both with W. & P. (The former had heard from you on the subject) – P. says, it is barely possible that when they removed their goods from Waterloo Place to Pater[noster] Row, this parcel may have been inadvertently carried thither. He further remarked that it was his practice to note on the foot of his invoices, the packages, unconnected with business, which accompanied his shipments, & by which it might be ascertained whether the parcel ever arrived here – This I communicated to Wiley who says me he will have the invoices examd. for 2 or 3 mos. subsequent to the date mentioned by Bentham & will also write to their Agt. in Pat. Row. to make the necessary search there – This is all I can do for you in the matter – I believe. Bentham's accounts are indeed very sad & heart-sickening – And after all this bloodshed & ruin in the name of Liberty the French seem inclined to worship the shadow (the mere name) of the greatest Tyrant the world ever saw!

I copied & sent to Sam. the extracts from your letter, as to his plants, & you will hear from himself, no doubt. I begged him to retain £7. (62½ $) which Engelmann owes me for shipping Cyp. on the Box of Wislizeny Reports to Bremen – but if he does not do so – please retain it for me, yourself – Engelmann knows he owes it to me, & you need only name it as a bad debt to me in his accounts.

There may be less "Gammon" than you think in my remarks about Acridia & Platanthera Psyc. I did not however expect you to go into the matter now, but hereafter my idea may occur to you – to your possible advantage.

In your (botanical) conversations with our good friend T. be careful to say nothing which could excite any little sensitiveness he may feel – We know his many & great virtues, which should procure the needful forbearance towards the (few) weaknesses he may have – Do not reserve the Carices for me – let him have the entire Cyp.[eae] – Even the exception might annoy him; & if I am in Am.[erica] with health & spirits for the purpose, he will be sure of any hints or helps which I could give him as to his Genus – But to confess a truth, my dear Gray, I do not expect to see these specimens! As Sam. had not opened his package of Mex. Pl. plants, I only last night received the "Carex gracill. S. Car. & Kaw." – It is C. oxylepis Torr. & Hook. & in the language of our Rock.[y] friend – Resembles C. gracill. but is far different! I have not partic.[ularly] studied the species, but I think that in add.[ition] to the sharp scale the ~~tomentose~~ hairy leaves & sheaths must separate it from C. gracil. tho' not from C. ostinalis Curt. You will be having this C. oxylepis from Texas & W. Louis.[iana] I have it also from Flor.[ida] Chap.[man] – A letter from Boott, by last steamer tells me – to my great satisfaction – "Brown too was here speaking highly of Gray's beautiful volume" – (Brown!!) Thanks to the inspection of Torrey's herb. & Boott's valuable minutes & valuable Correspond.[ence] I am getting to be (but to fancy myself) something of an authority on Carex, just at the time too – when it will probably be utterly useless to myself & the (Botanical) world – I have another letter from Rock.[y] – I must drop that Corresp.[ondence] – we cannot think alike, or understand each other – He is a good man, doubtless; but his weaknesses – on the score of personal vanity – is so great – that it leads him into disingenuousness.

As I see you have an oppor.ty to send to Boott, I have written Torrey to bring on with him a few of the Eqly. Expv. Carices which he wd. like to see, I find - If Torrey brings them with me - (I expect to see him this morng.) I shall pack them up with my notes &c. & send them on to you, by Adams' Express, in good time - I believe I have now "said my say" for this time, & doubtless much of it will hardly claim (even your momentary) attention, but I beg you not to forget my best love to Dear Lady I. whose mission at Beverly I sincerely regret - Please also give my kind regards to Oakes - I have been making as he desired a list of the Plants of which I have no N.E. Spec.ns & when it is completed, I shall send it to him - tho' (entre nous) with little hope that they will afford me either pleasure or instruction. This, however, it is not for me to determine, but I am at least certain, that (without reference to the future) I am at present, Very sincerely Yrs.

Asa Gray

Saty. 19 Augt. N.Y.

My dear Gray — Having returned to town I take the earliest oppor.y of acknow.g your kind letter of the 1st which was forwarded to me at L. Mahopac. You may well imagine the surprise & sorrow with which I read your account of the death of our poor Oakes — The recollection of him has haunted me ever since, & sometimes I can think of nothing else — He was a warm-hearted fellow, & I regret his loss extremely, without reference to the tragical mode of his end, which is awful in the extreme — I trust (but hardly dare to hope) that he may have left a comfortable provision for his wife & daughter — I was not prepared for so very bad a catastrophe, tho' we both saw & understood the (at times morbid) excitability of his mind — You will probably give a short biographical notice of him in Silliman's Journal — Poor fellow, his last letter to me was very kind — informing me that he had looked out a package of Carices & other plants for me,

which he detained for the purpose of making further additions to it, as soon as I wrote to him what N. E. plants I still needed & of which I accordingly sent him a list remaining unacknowledged. He gave me also his own wants, in the Carex way, which I had begun to put by for him, & it is therefore clear that he had not then formed his melancholy resolve – It seems really like a dream to me, when I call to mind the hilarious, excited spirits in which he parted from me in Boston. His last words were – "Well, Carey, I have had so much pleasure, in your society, that I will not believe we are not to meet again"; & so later than last Spring, he wrote me a joyous sort of letter, entreating me to spend a month with him! I trust, (but do not venture to expect) that it may appear that he fell overboard accidentally – I have seen no notice of his decease in the Newspapers – And now, some account of my poor self which will give pleasure to you, & your dear good little Fanny – I spent my time at L. Mahopac in fishing – rowing – & botanizing, & the result is that I am very much better & stronger – The irritability of the bowels which appeared to be bringing me down to the grave, is completely checked, & tho' I could not keep up with Rae, in a mountain chase, I am yet much improved in strength – Dear Sam, had a severe attack of chills & fever but these yielded to Medicine, & he also is improved in health but far less so, than I could have wished – An unexpected (tho' small) dividend on some property in w[illegible] I am interested, has determined me to lose sight of my project, for another year, during which time (life & health being spared) something may turn up – I therefore feel settled, for the present, & my mind more agreeably relieved – I thank you heartily for your kind invitation, & altho' I do not purpose visiting you at present, it may be, that I shall spend a week or so with you, towards Autumn – Let me know when you are about ordering Herb. paper, as my plants are not conveniently accessible in their [illegible] state, & I shall be tempted to "go in" for some, with you – & Olney – however little I can afford it – I suppose I shall want some 20 to 25 reams, but have no certain data to guide me

I have a letter from Harvey – who says that he has consigned to me (Vr. "Montezuma" – now due) 3 packs of Coulter's Mex.n plants – The most perfect sets he could make are being for you – the next for me – & some for Olney – When they arrive I will forward your Vr. Express – hoping that I may have the grace & honesty to avoid changing the direction of our respective parcels –

Sam's family remain at C. Bradshaw's for some 3 weeks longer, but I do not know of his returning thither – He dearly regards to the

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I am most sorry to learn that Mr. Lorain's foot continues to trouble him, & beg my best respects – Lastly I send as much love to Dear Lady Jane, as you can put into suitable & gentle phrase & am faithfully & Affy. yrs. &c. Nothing from Torrey!

Saty 23 Sept.r

My very Dear friends -

A week ago, yesterday, I rec.d the Doctor's most kind letter of the 9th which was delayed until that time in consequence of some difficulty experienced by Mr Hollow in obtaining his luggage - However, I ought not to have omitted a single day in acknowledging your kind invitation, but the truth is, that I hardly knew what to do, or to say about it, & have been in a state of very anxious suspense - Poor Sam. has been so very feeble again, that I am extremely uneasy about him - Slight bronchial bleedings, & great general prostration, with occasional feverish reactions render him quite unfit for his business, tho' he still pursues it - He has gone, with Mary & the infant, (to spend 2 days only) up the river with his sister-in-law & I am now writing from his house where I am staying until their return, "in charge" of the elder children - I cannot hope to

any ~~great~~ good results from so short a trip, unless on his spirits, but if he comes home tolerably well & remains so, for a day or two - I shall allow myself the pleasure of spending a week or so with you to which indeed, I look forward with no small satisfaction. I do not mean to work - but just to "mouse about" the new study (!) resolving my accumulated quiddities - cribbing duplicates - more Gray! - & as Spenser says "Now this, now that he tasteth daintily" - we will also, as you propose, arrange about the Herb. paper. I do not give up my quarters, as I would not like to leave N. Y. at the moment, (unless some definite engagement rendered it necessary) & I should find it hard to get so good & roomy accommodations as I now possess, for the same money - tho' in other respects, I have been, as you my dear friends have done also, that I might die quietly enough, before the M. Judge wd trouble himself about me -

I know that Dr. has no time for long letters, & I therefore keep no debtor & Cr. a/c. with him; but I have written this letter in the pl. number as a sort of (very shabby!) acknowledgment of dear Mrs G's last kind letter, for which I hope to thank her in person. - If I find Brother Sam. tolerably comfortable I shall probably leave this on Wedy or Thursy. next - if otherwise, I shall stay over Sunday in N.Y. & start on Monday, unless he shall seem to be growing still more feeble, which I will not anticipate.

May God bless & prosper you both & spare you to each other many years is the earnest desire of yr. very affe

H.

Dr. & Mrs Gray

This is about as slovenly a letter as the Dr. can desire - or even write himself (?)

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Kumo Isofu - Middle South Branch
offshoot no. 1 - in the Adirondacks
Washington —

Greenwich St. Sunday Night

My dear Gray, I return the proofs corrected, that is to say, obvious errors amended, but without the copy I cannot say how far they are substantially right. If you happen to think of it ask the printer to strike off 1 or 2 extra shots of Carex as I suppose we ought to pay Boott & Dewey the compliment of sending it to them, tho' to be sure the latter did not send you his doings in Wood's Botany. — A quiddity has crossed my mind of late, on which I desire light, in other words Rumfordizing! In climates such as our's where the major part of our vegetation is leafless in the winter, is there any perceptible difference in the amount of the Carbonic acid gas in the atmosphere during that period? If not, how do we account for the fact? & what makes amends for the lack of the potent agency of our bandless forests in the decomposition of it by their foliage?

I dare say that this has been well considered, & explained, but as I am not myself conversant with the theory, I must beg you to refer me to some good authority where I may obtain the requisite ☀! I have nothing to impart since my last – Mr. L. has gone to England, & I am his deputy for the next 2 months. I see Agassiz was to deliver his first lecture last Friday – I have not heard him, nor sooth to say, do I think I can screw up my courage to go to Crosby Hall twice a week for 6 Weeks, to "hear the voice of the Charmer, charm he never so wisely" – I am getting anxious to hear of some arrangement for transplanting the Loringia amantissima, & hope that before the Spring this future ornament of your conservatory will have been "potted off" & "well established" in new quarters – My love & best wishes attend you both

Ever yrs. Jno. C.

Kind regards to the Students.

I find I have a piece of Europ.n lycopod. selag. from Duby - Ex Herb. Alg.! which seems just the Mich.n plant, but a little larger - You must see to this carefully, as none of any books give the species for the U. S.

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OCT 4 CTS.

My dear Gray — Friday Noon —

I received your letter on Monday & on the same day, after tea, first dipped pen in ink in your matters, & the Article is positively finished! How far it may fit my procrustean bed of 20-24 pages I know not; but I suppose it could neither be attenuated nor abbreviated [redacted] but to disadvantage — It is perfect!! Talk of "Touching it up" with your "Brilliancies" indeed! Did you ever happen to try the effect of holding a Rushlight in the Sunbeam? It looks very sublime, I assure you — But now to my object in writing, which, as usual, is a kind & considerate one — You talk of writing me soon, & giving hints & information &c. (which you mean not send when I asked for them) but which I will now spare you the trouble of preparing — for my work is done, & (as I suppose often happens to your professional spinners of brain) my thoughts took quite another turn from what I had intended, & I have never once adverted to a previous Botan. Writer. The Subject will be Botany, not N. Am. Botany & I have really & truly endeavoured conscientiously to do some good to the rising generation by my remarks — For the rest, I can only hope that my using your publication as a vehicle for my own more important teachings, will not injure this sale.

I am rather glad that my former design is (unintentionally) changed, as I suspect Hooker is going something in the way of a running comment on N. Am. Botanists, & I would much rather leave the field to him — at least just now. After dinner — which I am just beginning to think of — I shall set about making fair copy — a wretched bad job, in which as Dr. Johnson feelingly observes one has to "add the weariness of expunging to the labour of copying" — However, I hope my prurieencies are not many, & you shall have the Mss. when it is done — I hope before the close of next week — You never ans.d my query as to whether you rec.d your 3 vol. of Hook. Journ. Bot.? nor whether I should send Luck.ny Plants (from Boott) to you, thro' Wright?

You used to be a punctual correspondent —

Why is a man in love like a lobster?

My 1st. of Bot. of D.C. Syst. containing the Bibliotheca was burnt! I could not — had I desired it, have carried out my first view satisfactorily — for lack of books, or access to them — Kindest love to Dear Jane — I hope she is mending — I put Sullivant's Journ. Bot. into our N. Y. P.O. with my own hand, sometime in last Sept.r or early in October! Are you right as to the Number he supposes?

Yr. affy Jul.

I shall send the Mss. by Adams' Express unless otherwise instructed

Engelmann writes me that I am to receive from you some Seeds which he is sending you, & which he requests me to ship to Bremen with a parcel of Wislizenus' reports, which I have already received, & which are now only waiting the arrival of said Seeds — Please "send-em-along" if you have got them — that I may get rid of my Job — which the rascal & his k-y-Frenchman-friend Wislizenus ("Phœbus! w. is a name") had no right to impose upon my goodness.

N.B. Pot-hooks rather uncomely — but the cry is hot & we authors! get cramped fingers with long writing!

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Saty Morng.

My Dear Fray — I have not your last letter before me, & must therefore beg your excuse, if any point required notice, but I believe it was a mere answer to my own —

Two days since, I removed to new quarters, & my address is now as above — The name of the street you will bear in mind, being one so dear to you, & ever in your thoughts; but as to the number — you must just rely upon the "Misses", for I do not expect that you will recollect it — The house is 3 doors West of Hudson Street, just above a certain 3-cornered enclosure yclept Abingdon Square, if you happen to know it — I have, as before, the whole 2nd floor — very neatly furnished — but the rooms are smaller than in 6th Street, & my Plant room, especially, much cramped — The "folks" are Scotch, with an only son, at boarding school, so I have again a quiet house — which is, with me, a very great point — The Mistress seems to

be a hard-working, very civil body, & should I be again taken seriously ill, I venture to anticipate more kindness & attention than I received last Summer. At present, I bless God, I am in very comfortable health, tho' I have had a week of fatigue & annoyance.

By the Canada (Hence & Nut.) I sent some Cuttings to Boott, by the hands of a friend, & enclosed in my package what I had for Dr. Monnieck, & one of my papers which I requested Boott to forward to Mag. Fand.

I sent you one, by mail, which doubtless reached you. I observe by your notice of Vol. XII D.C. (for which thanks) that Mag. Fand. has changed the ordinal appel. to Salvolacea, which in point of Euphony, & greater brevity is an improvement. My remarks will be past in time to be too late, I fear —

The news of, & from your dear good wife, are any thing but what I could have wished. I shall hope, however, that the coming Summer may do more for her than she herself seems to anticipate — My best love, & thanks for her portion of your last — notwithstanding the scolding, which, if I remember rightly, was embodied in what she wrote — As a whole, it was not a bitter cup, sweetened with a single lump of sugar — but, a pleasant draught with a drop or two of bitters, by way of corrective (?) May God bless you both, Mags Yr. affe. E.C.

For the last 2 or 3 weeks, I have scarcely looked at a plant — except to sort out & pack up the Cuttings for our friend Boott — Health continuing (& spirits mending a little, of which there is need!) I shall superintend a sort of rough bench, in my plant room, for working; & gluing — the last troublesome & wearying — tho' needful —

I confess that this letter is not worth 5.d but it seemed necessary to give you my address — wherefore I pray you to excuse the infliction — I had a note from Torrey — two days since — all well.

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Monday Evening.

My dear friend -

Your kind, & welcome letter reached me two hours since, with its enclosure, which I return herein, as desired. I have taken (very comfortable) Chambers, as above, & have concluded to wait, some months at any rate, until I see what turn European Affairs are likely to take - it being always possible, in the mean time, that something in the bread-&-cheese way may turn up, tho' business of all kinds is very dull & unpromising here, just now - I cannot promise myself the pleasure of visiting you this Spring, however rejoiced I should have been to have witnessed the consummation of your happiness - I must, therefore, even trust to your "mollifying so far as to send me a set of your Kooskooskys, when you have distributed them" - And now to do some little towards deserving your good will in the matter, I will just call your attention to what I have noticed, as probably new -

Cymopterus - but there is no ripe fruit.

Chrysopsis - A little thing, which, (judging from your description in the Fl.) must have very much the habit of Stenotus, & in fact appears to come quite near to S. multicaulis, Nutt. tho' wanting the subtending bract of that species - Now, this plant of Nuttall's has, it seems, a "ferruginous" pappus, of about 2 series of unequal bristles, & I am strongly inclined to suspect that it is also a Chrysopsis, & closely allied to (or even the same as ?) this Kooskooskey fellow, which is, however, a good Chrysopsis with the outer pappus decidedly squamellate setose, tho' very small - I have no ripe achenia, the flowers being young. It would leave Stenotus rather better to have the pappus always bright white.

Heliopsideæ! A queer & to me very interesting plant, with the foliage of Balsamorhiza, & the inflorescence of Heliopsis but with villous achenia! Now, you give under Heliopsis a §1. Euheliopsis, DC. with "achenia smooth" from which I infer that he may have other §§ with hirsute achen. & to which this plant might belong – Unfortunately, my Vol. V. of DC. was burnt, & I learn from Brownne that no one in N.Y. has a Copy! I hope to hear from you, about it –

Scorzonella (§. Philophora – T. & Gr. not. fide Hook. in Jour. Bot. Gray's plants.) a different ~~another~~ species from Hooker's S. nutans, Gey. (which by the way is a bad name, for this plant has also nodding flowers) – The plumose bristles to the scales of the pappus are 20 in number, & do not seem to be less in my piece of the Geyer plant – I have no other Scorzonella, but your char.[z] in the Fl. limits the number of scales to 10, & unless you attach importance to the scale of Calais enveloping the corolla, at maturity, that genus ~~it~~ differs in little else than the number of pappus scales (5) from Scorzonella – It wd. be a question, therefore, if the habit of these species of Philophora be different from the true Scorzonellæ whether they also ought not to form a genus distinguished by the many-scaled, plumose-setose pappus –

Calais – A species near to C. Douglasii, but different, in the exterior scales of the involucre, & in other matters – I propose to Torr. to call this C. Oregana, as the others are Californian, but, doubtless, he will submit the matter to you, as do I, in most lawly-wise –

And now, tho' "Beggars must not be chusers" I wd. ask you to send me as full a set as you can of Leguminosæ (the more many species, the better, especially of Astragalus, & Lupini) – By the way, you will note, that his Thermopsis has blue, or purple flowers!

Pentstemon – Castilleja – Gillia & its allies, Eriogonum, & Umbelliferæ – I have got a good number of the last, but Torrey's set has no fruit – I worked hard at them, & made them out pretty well to my satisfaction, notwithstanding – The Scrophularinæ I can do nothing with, for want of books, & the genera Pentstemon & Castilleja, I think hard to make out –

I scarcely know what to say, my dear Gray, to your proposal of sending me a Copy of your Gen. ill. – I needed no such "token of friendship from the author" – On which I have abiding reliance, & abundant Testimonials – Still, tho' I hardly know how to allow you thus to overwhelm me with your kindness, yet I should find it quite impossible to repudiate the valuable gift, from your friendly hand, & I therefore, receive it, frankly, & with a high and grateful satisfaction – I note, with annoyance, what you say about Emerson, but as to our friend Holton's Article (judging from what I saw) I doubt if Bowen's review, or your work, would have gained much from its insertion – As to a notice of the General illust. I shd. be pleased to think I could do the subject justice – however, I shall revolve the matter in my mind, as soon as I see the ~~matter~~ work in print – and – we will correspond further on the subject, unless, in the meantime, Torrey, or some other "big" man shall do himself the honour of being your reviewer – What awful times in Europe! Surely the old world is again about to be deluged in blood! Can it be that France & Italy are sufficiently advanced (en masse) to govern themselves, as Republics? I greatly fear not –

My kindest love to dear Jane, & may the blessing of God rest upon you both.

Tuesdy Morng 25th Apl. – It occurs to me to add to my lr. that as you may want your Sour. Bot: I will return the 3 Nos. in a few days – either thro' A. Grant, or by Adams' Exp. – I am copying out all the new matter into my (interleaved) Copy of Ll. Bot. Am. which is thus rend? much more valuable. I am nearly tired with the Job – By the bye, when you write Hooker shi him up about the conclusion of this paper. Tell him "it is proved already that he is a false knave, & it will go nigh to be thought so shortly" unless he finishes the Enum. of Geyer's plants –

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Amongst Torrey's Hood-kooskys is a panicle, & single (detached) leaf of Cyclachæna – the seeds are ripe, & you will doubtless find the same for yourself (& me?) But what I wish to say is this – If you go to some sequestered margin of fresh water (or one of your lovely little ditches?) I believe you might sow this to advantage – Select such as that as Ambrosia bifida might affect – Bear this in mind – Also you will find Rhuthera helerantha Nutt. & if there are ripe seeds (Torrey has none) you might, perhaps, raise this in your garden – From the look of the old Carpels, they appear to be very queer for Rhuthera – Again Adieu!

Tuesdy Morng 20 March

Truly, my dear Gray, I must think with your (much) gentler half, that you were somewhat "crofs" on the morning of Saturday - Grayia spinosa, quotha - no, nor does even the superlative adjective spinosissima, come up to my ideas - nothing short of G. ferox, or G. horrida seems to suffice as indicative of the specific character of the writer of the letter before me! Perhaps G. Hystrix might be appropriate, for the following paragraph does really represent the prickly (but harmless(!)) little animal rolled up upon himself, concealing all his softer parts from view, & presenting only his sharp spines to all & sundry -

"I have not time nor patience to write to you. I will answer all your questions & talk over all sorts of quiddities when you come on - But write I will not - that's poz" - !!!

Why the very paper seems to hiss & fizz; & the corners of the sheet would soon turn up, did I not keep it from bouncing by holding them down with my left arm, whilst I write - Meekly did I lay before you my (perhaps insufficient, or even injudicious) conclusions, when lo! with gun-cotton force is discharged upon me your annihilating missive! Well, I have the comfortable reflection that the exploded charge leaves an empty barrel; & even the Hedge-hog has by far the larger period of his life devoted to repose - I must therefore this letter may reach you, in the Evening, when, like that amiable animal, you are quietly occupied in munching your wonted - black-beetles (?) Be this as it may - I would deprecate your further ire, & thankfully acknowledge the kindness of your proposition, even whilst I feel constrained to decline it,

in accordance with my already expressed views on the subject. But there is one point on which, could I hope to realize the scornful force of your peculiar style, I would even feel disposed to try my own hand at scolding – How could you suppose that I would permit you to set Dollars (few or many!) against any little services I might render you, within or without doors, whilst a sojourner under your friendly Roof? I thought you knew me better, by this time, than to believe that even you dogmatic & (obst.) firm as you are, could by any possible means bring me to acquiesce in such an arrangement – "Oh! Mr. Whitbread, fie upon you, Sir"!

Your other view is a correct one – My Chambers do, in fact, cost me as you suppose; & the rent is payable equally whether I occupy them or not – but I have so many traps – not Household Gods, certainly; nor exactly, perhaps imps, but plagues & incumbrances, when not needed, but which must yet be cared for, & bestowed somewhere – & are too cumbrous to be toted great distances without much exp.d & inconvenience.

And now, once more thanking you for the kindness which you throw at my head so ferociously

I am, My D.r Gray
Very Cordially. J. C.

To Mrs Gray!

Tuesday Morning

My dear Mrs Gray –

With the sincerest sorrow do I learn that your health is again declining – I had hoped better things, & feel disappointed, tho' I shall still continue to hope that the coming Summer will set you up.

I dare not write to your lion lord any requisition upon his time – however short – lest I should again put him in one of his tantrums, from the effects of the last of which, I have not yet recovered – I pray you, therefore, to get from this lordly lion of yours (when he is not lashing himself with his tail, & foaming at the mouth) the style & address of M. Maquin-Fandon, to whom I may have occasion to send a paper, by & bye, if I get one from Silliman. Also, (if it seems safe to risk the chafing of the noble animal by further queries) pray to get out of him Dr. Bromfield's address. "Feeding time" is not thought the safest, I believe, for approaching (dan.) with animals – but I leave the time when – & the manner how – to your woman's wit – which will not fail – In fact, we have here, at this time, a certain Miss — whose name & portrait are on the posting-bills, & who goes into the Den of lions & lions – Van Amburg fashion! The thing is to be done, therefore.

I heartily thank you for the kind & friendly manner in which you second the Doctor's invitation, & which I do not estimate the less, in that I decline to avail myself of it on the present occasion – I beg my best respects to your good Papa, & love to the ladies & kind regards to the gentlemen of the weekly party – Very sincerely Yrs. JC

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N. Y. Wedy Evng - 14/3

My dear Gray - It is fully time that your kind letter was answered - certainly the delay is not attributable to forgetfulness, for I have thought, continually, on the topics it embraces, without feeling able to make up my mind - At length, however, after the best consideration which I have been able to give the whole matter, I have come to the conclusion that I am not able to "cut Gotham" though I have many yearnings after the pursuits & companionship to which you so very kindly invite me - If I could talk with you, I might be better able to lay before you the result of my musings, but, within the compass of a letter, I can only sketch them, after your own fashion, with a pithy sententiousness - tho' if the paper were larger, I should prefer giving you the workings of my mind, on the several phases presented by the question, after Robinson Crusoe's fashion - Pro & Con.

1. My landlord is going to California, & - "the world is all before me where to choose" but as every body moves in April & May, the when to chuse is restricted to the absolute just now, & therefore, I must be on the look out, at once -
2. I have not "any business engagements, present or prospective" & am "living on my fat", but like the bear & the Camel or rather the latter, long abstinence & repletion have reduced my hump to a mere nothing, & I must soon "do or die". But do what? Aye, there's the rub - Go to California? No, I thank ye - There are too many on that lay, already. True, as you say, I was never less fitted for the worry & cares of business, & my comfort will inevitably be destroyed if I assume them - Nevertheless, tho' I would now feel myself independent upon one tenth of the income I have formerly expended, as a Housekeeper, that little, however little, I must have - or starve - for run in debt I will not - that is "a fixed fact." Well then, the little I require, I desire to

have as a permanent certainty; whereas, what can I propose, (even assuming that I could make a bare living by such, to me, pleasureable pursuits) are mere jobs, leading to no other or ulterior employment of the same kind – & by leaving this, the only community in the U. S. where I am known as a business man I turn my back upon the only chance – however poor a one – of procuring a living – At the end of one or two years, with you, I should return with a disinclination for commercial pursuits little short of positive disgust, & with blighted prospect of any employment (if that might be) than exists at present – or, if the worst comes to the worst, & I carry out my former project, as a dernier resort, I shall leave the country with less of pain, it may be, than if I were to tear myself suddenly away from pursuits in which I was deeply interested – But, assuming even that remunerative jobs do still come in, from time to time, yet I candidly confess to you, my dear Gray, that having never tried the experiment, I have no confidence that I could earn enough to keep soul & body together, & the latter in raiment – My botanical work is done in a slow, pains-taking manner, & would not tell for much, I greatly fear – Now, if this were so, what I could not earn you would, in fact, give me, by overestimating my labours rather than let me need – an arrangement which I should view differently, perhaps, if it were you a. Laurence Gray or J. A. Lowell Lyne, & as much my friend, as the less endowed Professor – who, tho' he has a comfortable provision, thank God, yet knows well enough what to do with every Dollar of his income – Well then, to come to the "kettle of the whole" I resolve to get myself as cheap chambers as I can, wherein to bestow my goods – & myself – for another year, if life be spared, beyond which time it is not worth while to speculate – It remains only, before dismissing the subject, heartily to thank you, & your dear wife for the kindness which you have expressed, & more which you have intended towards me –

I sent you all my spare Ferns by Brother Charles – I contrived to make out about 3 doz. species in all, & some (of my own) specimens were such as your friend is not likely to get elsewhere, I persuade myself – Was not that a clever find? Equisetum pratense for the U. S.? It will make a feature in the 2d ed.n Manual – I hope you will tell me what you think, when you have examined it.

Torrey asked me for a Copy of my Rejected – but Sillimn has not sent me a single one, nor have I seen it since I corrected the proof, as Sam. has not yet got the last Number. May I beg you to send me an some Copies, if you have them – I want to send one to Dr Bromfield (thro' Brett) & with you to send one to Mag. Land. thro' some of your B. F. friends. I also mean to send it to Engelmann, as he kindly sent me some Pig weeds – thro' you. I have already written to you how much I am pleased with the Pl. Fendl. – It is a very valuable paper. But do, I pray you, answer my Qy. as to the yellow asteroid (Spatling) plant – look at my original notes to you about it – It cannot, must not be an Erigeron – we shall get into hopeless mazes with yellow Erigeros –

Torrey tells me that Wright missed his packet, & is detained – I have not seen him, as he has gone into the country

Thursday Morn.g I think of nothing to add to the above, except to call your attention to a request in my last, as to Bleach. Bacthryon which please bear in mind –

Keep an eye on Brother Charles – His appearance rather worries me – He looks attenuated, & seemed to me to have a deadly cough – When can I have leisure – When is that? – Write to me & your letters give me pleasure, hurried & illegible tho' they most commonly are –

My health continues to be very feeble, & my spirits at times are deplorably dull — Indeed, I am woe-begone enough just now, so that I pray your excuse, on that score, for whatever may seem to need it, in this letter, & with hearty love & good wishes to the dear lady I. & kind regards to Papa & the family, I am

Aff.y & truly Yrs.

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I read some parg.s from your last to our friend S. who seemed rather annoyed that Sprague should be set to work on the "free book" or any thing else, until he had completed what he has engaged to do for him (Expl. Expd.n & Fremont). I merely remarked that S.n must be kept going to pay off his indebtedness to you, to which S. replied, that his money was as available for that purpose as any other — This is strictly entre nous, & merely mentioned for your private information & guidance — Indeed the whole of this letter may be confined to ourselves — not excluding the dear wife & mother —

My dear Gray — Monday — Noon.

On Saturday aft^n. I rec^d. your letter & being now, thank God, able to creep about a little, I have just been to Ricketts' who says that he rec^d. your remitt^ce & acknow^g: it, & tomorrow he will send, as you desire, a set of the "genera" struck off (96 plates) Young Grant sent off my Parcel 5 or 6 days ago, & mentioned it in a lr. he wrote you on Wed^y or Thurs^y last; so that it was probably waiting for you at Dickson's when you wrote your letter — I regret, extremely, to hear that poor George has had so serious an attack; I beg my kind regards to him & rejoice that he is doing well — As to myself, Beales says that I ruptured a very small vessel, in the immediate vicinity of the prostrate gland — He feels no doubt about it. However, I have had no return of bleeding now for a fortnight, & I therefore cherish strong hopes that I may get the better of it, this time; tho' I suppose I shall never be as "good as new" — However, I am very thankful, & (for me, now a days) in cheerful spirits — I am not sure whether the letter I wrote you, by the same mail with the returned proof (so strangely delayed) has reached you, being uncertain whether queries to which you reply were contained in it — My only reason for adverting to it is because I therein signified my Brother's wish to have as complete a set

as may be, of Fendler's plants (excluding the mosses & lichens) to which you do not allude –

I have, as you say, a piece of the Aspid. palens Swtz. & I must see how it compares with the plant of our Southern people, which, in their Dove-like simplicity they call Asp. Nov. Ebor. – If you have room for any "more last words" correct the gender of the specif. adjec. of Dryopt. marg. which you forgot to change when transferring it from Aspid. This only struck my eye on Saty Evenig. – It is funny that Boott should have expressed a wish for me to overhaul Torrey's Carices, at the very moment I was thinking about doing so – I hardly know what to say to Sullivant. The job he proposes is a long one, but I would undertake it, willingly, but for the extreme uncertainty of my position here, which you know all about, but which I cannot explain to him – Sullivant seems well pleased with the "Carices" – I have sent the paper round to all the working men, (known to me as such) even where I had no acquaintance with them – It will serve as an advertisement of the forthcoming book, at any rate; & it is a part of the legitimate office of the "Jack pudding" to make himself a Butt, with his personal jokes, to promote the sale of the "Doctor's" Pills & powders –

Surely you had Sporobolus cryptandrus from Oakes! It must needs be so – I am glad you sometimes forget. And now a few words of your new Poa – dylnestica. You call the spikelets 2–3 flowered, & in general they seem in my (very good) set of Specs to be 3 flow. but I notice here & there, a fourth flower! This would be of no sort of consequence, but that we have from the South, & Texas, a species awfully like this P. dylv. but in general 4-flowered – I find it labelled by Curtis, & by Chapman P. autumnalis Ell. Wright & Hale give no name. Now, on the authority of a specimen (?) ex herb. A. Gray! I find it is "P. campyle, Schult. Mant." & which, (for aught that I glean from the Char. in Kunth) it may well enough be – Judging from the mere facies of the plant, the palea seem sharper & longer than in your P. dylv. but this may not be or there may be other distinguishing characters, as, I have not yet had time to submit them to the microscope, & I hurry off this letter to give you an opp.y of correcting Dry. marg. if it may so be – Tell me, however, if you had this same P. campyle, (or whatever else it may be) under consideration when establing your nspp. – Curtis makes his P. autumnalis Ell. (!) but Darlington (who would probably know Elliott's plant) refers it to his P. pungens to which he adds P. flexuosa, Muhl. whilst Kunth cites the latter under P. campyle, Schult. Mant. – Upon the whole, there is something to be unscrewed hereafter, & I only now want to know whether your nspp. will steer clear of this 4-flo. one – "So no more at present" from

Jane to Dear Jeannie – I suppose you see her sometimes? (query all the time?)

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My dear Gray —

I feel that I owe you a letter, were it only to return with all warmth & sincerity your & dear Mrs G's, kind greetings for the opening year — May every blessing attend you both, for very many succeeding seasons! Your letter has been constantly before me, but my health & spirits have both been so wretched, for the past fortnight, that I could not pluck up the necessary spirits to write to you — To-day I feel rather less forlorn, tho' in pain, & very far from well; & I therefore conclude to reply to your last —

The explanation about Hollingsworth & the paper you have now made so clear, that — I don't understand a word of it! but, ~~as to~~ having called your attention to the matter, since you still assert that the $120 belongs to me, I pocket the remittance with a quiet conscience, & entire satisfaction — The labels, it seems, were hewn out by Mr Joe — more shame for him — & certes, I do not consent to his having any more "Detours" for Mathematics, until he has some more definite idea of straight lines — I thank you for the labels returned — Yours I will take to Tomey to be included in some one of his packages — I have not seen the good Doctor, since I last wrote! & know not what can have become of him

The Fendler papers were very welcome — They look quite handsome — It occurs to me to remind you that you promised to write to a certain Mr. — at Phila to send me one of Nuttall's papers on the Gambrell plants, which I suspect you have forgotten — I do not wish you to incur any obligation in the matter, but I think you told me that they were for distribution amongst Botanists — quorum pars parva sum! I should also much like Nutt's Compos.[e] papers, if any are left of them — please think of this —

If Silliman printed my paper (which I have no means of ascertaining) he has used me very scrubbily in not sending me a single impression of it — I want one for Bromfield & one for Nyssa — & further I wish you to send one to Mag. Land. to call his attention to the matter before he works up the Chenop.[ds] for D.C. It is really too bad, to study & write Bigweedism ("the very scavengering of botany") without pay, & not even thanks, in the way of a few waste sheets of the article!

"Did ye ever hear the like of it
A man to buy
A mutton pie
And not to get a bite of it —"

Have you heard any thing more of poor Oakes' Books & Collect.[ns] & what is to be done with them? Some Botan.[l] works, are being sent out here by the Land.[n] Booksellers, & sell cheap — Brother Jam.[s] bought an uncut copy of Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. for $22 & Olney wrote me word that he bought one for $20! The Bot. of Bachy's Voy.[e] is selling now & then — the last brought $14 — It will go lower by & bye — The botany of the "Sulphur" is also selling — I know not the price, however. I should like both, if any thing in the California way ever tumbles into my mouth —

What of Chapman's herb? Has it arrived?

Send me an Boott's Determination of Fendler's ~~Che~~ Carices, when you get it — as ~~you~~ it will be long before you want it, yourself —

Do not forget to consult my "pattern card" when you work up the Spalding Scrophular.

I suppose our mutual friend the B. F. has left you for Columbus, before this — I have not seen him, however, tho' he said he sh.[d] call on his way thro N. Y. — Tell me how you like Wright, & what the prospects are of his remaining with you, as Curator — Lastly, give my best love to your dear little wife, & keep a reasonable share for yourself

Affty Yrs. C.

Kind Regards, & reasonable good wishes to Miss Eliza, if she is still with you —

Nicholas Deppeyster — (Sam's Brother in-law) sailed last week for California!! He goes merchandizing — not gold-digging direct — but indirect.

Miss Ella F. Hall
Care of
Cambridge
Massachusetts

Don't forget my best remembrances to the
Dear folks, in & about Ashburton Place —

Wed.y Morn.

My dear Gray -

Last Afternoon (too late for the Mail) I rec.d your package, thro' our friend Torrey, containing Boott's letters, & your valued note - I find I have no representative of Lauthx. Car. in any state - It has not come in, since the destruction of my Herb.m - Sam. (whose collection I have just examined) has only a very small piece of the ♂ plant, from Florida, from which I send you a few flowers & buds, & am truly sorry that I can do no better for you -

I suppose the Manual is all printed - My last, which arrived during your absence from Cambridge, pointed out a small error too late, I fear, for correction - Dryopt. marginale read is -

I am heartily sorry to hear that dear Jane does not improve in health - I beg my love & best wishes - My John is in town, for a few days, & takes up most of my hours - However,

I am too feeble to do much, were it otherwise — I really fear that I am worn out — I have, from Torrey, some plants collected on the Koos-koosky, which I am arranging, for a small fee out of the duplicates — I find many of them the same as Geyer's Oregon set; & if you are not afraid to trust them, please send, by Express, the numbers of Hook. Jour. Bot. which I have not seen — I had (of Sullivant's) two numbers, subsequent to that I recently returned to you, but contrary to my usual business habits, I did not note either the number of the work, nor where the series of plants left off — I think, however, I have seen to the close of Compositae — & not beyond — If leisure serves to look them out, I should like to have them at once — I think, upon 2nd thoughts, I should like the whole set, beginning I think Kelly last, as there may be n/sp. described, which are amongst the plants I am examining, & not in my, very small, Geyer set. If you are using these Numbers of the Jour. Bot. you will not of course send them, otherwise make up a parcel for the Express —

I have no news for you, of any sort — Nothing from Dewey! nor as yet from Boott. I note by your pencillings, that I shall have some remarks from you, as to the long letter of the latter, by & bye — Kind regards to Joe —

Always yours J.J.

Send a line with the parcel, saying when the Book, will be fairly out. Remember me in sheets, with 2 titles, as I want to interleave, & make 2 Vols. as you know

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.

Sign. 451
any Kew Coll.
signature

Sixth (!!!) Street – Monday Morn.–

My dear Gray – I wrote you a letter about a week ago, & have to thank you for the Obit. notice of poor Oakes, since received; & which reached me duly, tho' addressed to 8th Street! Yesterday I dined with Brother Sam. who shewed me a copy of Bot. Beech. Voy. which he had just bought at Auction for $7.50!. On turning to the char.r of the genus "Grayia" I discovered to my no small astonishment, what I have made the subject of the annexed note, & which, if you find it intelligible & suitable in form, please forward at once to Silliman, to subjoin to my paper as a ps. I did not know, when I wrote to you, whether it was published or not, but Sam. who has since received the last number, tells me that it is not – I should therefore prefer it's being made more complete by this addition – As to the fact itself, I shall only permit myself to remark, that if certain learned professors, who assume to guide the public by their "Manuals" – State Floras &c. would only do up their work clean & thoroughly, & consult the volumes which exist in their own libraries, there would be less occasion for poor gentlemen Amateurs to follow their footsteps with mop & duster to clear up their track –

I know nothing of Torrey, & am proposing to go to the Coll. to hunt him up, as I cannot imagine why I have not seen him unless he has concluded his lectures & decamped without beat of drum – I continue a very poor creature – alternately doctoring & physicking, without I fear much benefit to soul or body. – Kindest love to the "winsome wee thing" &

believe me Affy Yrs. G.

When you write to Dana tell him to send you (or me) "the sheets of Tuck.'s last paper if he has any waste ones left –

paid

PAID

BOSTON
30
JAN
1845.

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts —

New York. Saturday Morng.

My dear Gray,

I last night received very safely the sheets of your Manual, for which I tender my best thanks. But there seem to be 2 complete copies! Is not this a mistake? Shall I return one of them?

Two days since I received, by the mail, the sheets of the introduction & index, the last complete except ~~of~~ pp. 709 & 710, & having got them, I shall conclude to bind up an index with each of my vols. if you can spare a duplicate of these 2 last pages. I do not care about its being rough or soiled, if better may not be without a breaking a vol. I also want duplicates of pp. 373-4, as I find I must divide the vol. at Apetalae, & you have contrived the matter so cleverly (?) that a page must be spoiled. On no account, however, ~~about~~ impinge upon your sets, as I can copy the pages in MS. if you have no add ones to spare. but, if otherwise, please send them with the nos. of Hook. Jour. in a small (Adams) package.

Why did you cancel the pages 435 & 441-2? Was it solely in consequence of the false printing of the English name of Urtica urens? I really see no other difference

& if this was all, you were over-honest with my Dear Public, in wasting so much paper. Tell me just how long I may keep the numbers of Hook. Jour. & I will return them punctually, or you may write 2 or 3 days before they are needed. I am in haste to save the mail, so will only add love to Dear Jane & the assurance that I am Affy Yrs. M.

Stilpnei

Prof.r A. Gray
Harvard Uh.y
Cambridge. Mass.

5 FEB 1863

Saturday Morning –

Many thanks, my dear Gray, for your letter which arrived yesterday. I will order the remaining Suppt. to Enslicher thro' Bridges, so give yourself no further trouble, in the matter.

Advise me the Amt. of 14. 11 Banco in Red. Cur.y, as it costs you to remit it, & I will forward it, with many thanks.

As to Wright's plants, I want you have as large a set as might be, common things included, but any rez angustifolia Gooki; nevertheless, if the set looked out for me does not exceed 3 or 400 I will take it as it stands. It is not unreasonable that Mr Wright should charge more for selected specimens; & I only embrace your offer of picking them, when you suggested that

there were more applicants than could be supplied, in which case no difference would have arisen so far as Mr. W. is concerned.

I thank you for the suggestion as to Kunze's Suppt. Please send me the title — is the work finished? Also send me the title of Dreyer's small brochure (Revisio Cariorum?) which I shall also send for, with the Symbolæ Car.

I have recd. a small packge. for you, from Cooley, & shall take it to Torrey to incorporate in a parcel he will have to send to you.

Alexander sent me a very small Coll.n of his Jam.a plants from the Isl? Did he send you the like? If not, you shall have mine, which are untouched, & will be more useful to you than to me — Let me know.

I am very thankful for your renewed invitation, & I assure you that it would give me very great pleasure to be with you, & to render you such small help as I might — but, in truth, I feel too shaky to run the risk of being again troublesome to you, & dear Mrs. Gray, as in the past winter, which I have not, even yet, ceased to regret — I beg my kind love to her, & am very faithfully yrs.

C. C.

Send me the names of the Books at once, as Mr. Cogswell sails very shortly. I am helping Torrey sort out & arrange his N. Mex.n plants, & spent yesterday with him at the Cottge. — Mrs. T. is not very well, but the rest of the family are quite da

ere I may have to remind you — by the bye! — I wait your advice as to the Wright plants, when you are through with them —

I saw Eliza T. at the college to-day. She said she had just been writing to Mrs Gray, whom I thank for hearing, with my best love, for your renewed invitation, but feel as tho' I dared not accept it.

How do you like your new king? Hurra! for Cuba, now — honestly, or dishonestly, I suppose — at least, I hear that is to be the cry of the "unterrified."

However, I have no sort of sympathy, for the Whigs — if Scott is an honest Free-Soiler, how could he "accept their platform" — & if not, what have hypocrisy was practised by his Soi-disant friends to obtain Free-Soil votes. I am glad he is beaten — even by Pierce — who, altho' a democrat, & slavery man, seems to have been honestly constituted. What say you to your friend the Emperor? the hero of a hundred fêtes!

Thursday Evening —

My dear Gray —

I thank you for your note of Tuesday Eng. & also for all that you have done & are doing, for my behoof —

I will see Caswell & tell him what you say about Martins — I shall not order Draper, since it is so costly, & thank you for the hint — At present, I am in no want of it —

In the matter of our B. A. friend, Lesquereux — if he means his Vesicaria for you, why not so inform me? It was in the (only) small parcel of plants I ever had from him, (which I mentioned to you at

N. Y.) & you will see that the label indicates no disposition of it, whatever — Moreover, I wrote to him that it interested me — that I thought it an Aspen & wanted send it on to you for your opinion — to which he makes no reply! Thus much to clear my char.r since I dislike "Dog eat Dog" — & "Honour amongst (th.e —) Thieves" is a right enough principle, to govern those who illuminate all spec.s they can with honesty — but not interest!

For the rest, you have got the plant, & in addition my valuable notes, & the sheet of paper & thing, gratis! You have only to form your Herb. Gray, over Herb. Carey.n & bestow the Spec.n in the right pigeon-hole. But, I wish to know if I am right, in my views, & if so, I w.d suggest to your wisdom the name of A. occidentale, since I think it is the only species, here

Wright is here — & is now helping me at the Med. Coll. in sorting out Torrey's Plants — He finds, of course, many of his own among Bigelow's —

Tomorrow morning I shall hand to Torrey Alexander's plants, which you have — intact, with my love — also the package rec.d last week from Cooley — I presume he sends you Fraxinus quadrangularis — if not, let me know, & I will — as he has sent several specimens of me — leaves only —

I ought to know about Mr. Banco, for I have caught hold many, many thousand dollars worth of such bills in Wall St. I will add the Amt. & what

St Jane Street
Sunday Night –

My dear Gray –

I wrote you two or 3 weeks ago, & I think enquired whether I should send on a package I have for you – Contents you know. I have now another (quite large) bundle of plants, which came to me last week in a box, from Dr Cokayne, addressed for you – or rather, having a small pencilled label tucked under the string, bearing "Gray" upon it – Shall I send this on? The box further contained his entire stock of duplicates, literally in bulk, matted together & not curiously-

In an accompanying letter, the Doctor says — "it contains a perfect mess" (which is true enough) and "if you can get a set out of it worthy the acceptance of Prof. Gray, it would please me" —

Now, will you have a set? you will be likely to fare well, after me (!) The Cryp. & Gram. are very full & good — tho' nothing new, for these are his old things (no doubt the parcel he directs to you, has his more modern collections) There are, however, many good things — worth having — tho' the ravages of the insects have been fearful, amongst them — It will be 2 or 3 weeks, before I can possibly get them divided, but I hope to do so before you sail. Whenever sent they must go by themselves, as the 2 bundles I have at present waiting transmission ~~are~~ will form one package quite large enough.

I see Aghis' book advertised, but you did not send me the list of plants — Had you none? Remember also to advise Scott of the 2 vols. of D.C. as to which I wrote in my last —

My young folks are still at Mr. Ts Country seat — the Honey-moon has passed so pleasantly there, that they are unwilling to quit the Country, & are disposed to try Honey-moon No. 2 — at the same spot —

Kindest love to dear Mrs. G. & be sure to tell me exactly how she is going on — & you answer this —

Faithfully yr. G.

friend Mr. Wansey (hence Mr. Northumberland, sailing packet 27 Ultto.) a bundle of Carices, being my collections for him, of whatever of interest I have received, in the past year. I have also written to him by the same opportunity.

And now, my dear Gray, I need not tell you how earnestly I desire for you, a safe, & pleasant voyage; & I commend you to the kind providence of GOD, with confident & earnest hope that you, & your dear Partner (for whom I enclose 2 or 3 lines) may derive much benefit & happiness from your trip.

Yours with much affection, & a cherished remembrance of many & great kindnesses,

Jno Carey

address your letters from England – Care of C. H.^co in case I should have left Jane Street.

I am not satisfied with your explanation of the nuts. H.D.C. Mass. the 6 June written before you received what I sent first mentioned "for my friends to share" & for the present.

Jane Street – 1 June

My dear Gray –

As you desired, I sent you last week, by Adams' Express, the package of plants from Chapman, by a small mem. which I placed within it, you will have noticed that I received your kind note, annexed to the order on Putnam, which latter procured me a copy of your 3.^d Ed.^n for which let me repeat my thanks – At present, I can only say of it, in the language of your friend Sullivant, that it – "looks amazing nice", but I have not had time to get beyond the Preface – Our friend Mr. Wansey has been spending a week in town, prior to his embarcation for Europe, & during this time I was continually with him, & for the last 3 days, my

John has been here — so that the days I meant to have occupied with the distribution of Chapman's Duplicates have been otherwise occupied, & in fact, the division of them is not even commenced! Your set, therefore, I will keep until I see you again — if so be, in God's good providence — or I will send them after you, if you wish to give them away. In this last case, you had better drop me a line before you start. Dr Short is in town, he left a card for me, in Pine St. & I am about to hunt him up, today, if I can. You are probably acquainted with him?

The Lindheimer Paper I got yesterday, & promise myself much pleasure in studying it, by & bye. I thank you for it, & also for Winthrop's Speech which I read with satisfaction — "under all circumstances" — I handed that, & the former one, to our friend Torrey, for perusal. I hear, with sorrow, that his lectures have been a total failure — in a remunerative view — but he says he has written you all about the matter. At the outset, I told him, he should have lectured, in the evening, to secure the attendance of gents. but he thought otherwise, & relied upon the "delicate attentions" of Eve's dear daughters. However, from what he since has heard, he feels satisfied that I was right in the matter.

I note your remarks as to Agassiz' Botany — but I know nothing of any Bletia, or Corallorh., in connection with McKee — nor have I any specn. amongst Brother Charley's lake plants. So that is something to find out, by & bye, if I ever have the happiness to grub over your Herbm. again!

Give my kindest regards to Booth, & tell him that I have sent by my

New York, 10 June 1851.

My Dear Gray –

I should take shame to myself for having so long delayed to write to you, did I not know that my motives would even bear your scrutiny – The truth is I feared that I should only write you once more, & I delayed this, for both our sakes, until the last moment. It was my purpose to leave N.Y. & the U. S. early in the month of April, & I had made partial arrangements – as to packing &c. – with that view, but a painful occurrence changed my determination for the present – at any rate. Towards the end of March my daughter was prematurely confined with twin daughters – two entirely perfect, pretty little things, but as they came at about 6½ months they only lived 4 & 7 hours, respectively – But they appeared so robust, & cried so stoutly, that hopes were entertained of rearing at least one of them, & hence the disappointment was felt the more keenly. At this particular time, when we were, of course, both of us subdued in spirits, my son urged upon me, so strongly, that the step which I was about to take would plunge him into much misery, that I assented to his request to take up my abode with him, for a time, at least, & I accordingly removed to his house (No. 15 West 21st Street – 8 doors from 5th Avenue) in the first week of April – Shortly after my arrival I was taken very unwell, & was attended by Beales for 2 or 3 weeks – Indeed, I am not now comfortable, having some sort of trouble in one side of my head, but am very much better, & am seriously thinking of examining and fleeing down my Compositæ, the first approach to Botanical Daings for several months – My son has

The Forrests are all well, I hope – tho' it is some weeks since I heard of them – Mrs F. continues to be in neither feeble health, I fear – Not one dear from you since (tho' I may not deserve it) that I may reasonably to expect your home –

had two very nice Cabinets fitted to my room, of black walnut, which I now take great pleasure in thinking you will see & approve – Life, & better health & spirits permitting, I may botanize a little more, hereafter, it may be. To return, however, to my dear Daughter – Her getting up was remarkably good – better, indeed, than I had ventured to hope, as she had previously had a mishap (some 2 or 3 months after her marriage) & was by no means strong. As soon as she was well about, her sister Mrs Delano, with her husband, came to spend the month before their departure, with us; having let their own house in Lafayette Place, during the time they are to stay in Europe. My Daughter was very feeble, for much of this time, & on the Day they sailed, John took her over to Long Isl.d hoping that the sea air & bathing may recruit her. It is as yet too soon to begin the letter, as the weather is still cold, but I hear that she is doing comfortably, & is much pleased with her quarters. Please say this much to Mrs Delano, whom I have introduced, by letter, to the kind attentions of your goodself & dear Mrs Gray – Her voice & manner are the very counterpart of her sister, but, personally, the features of Mrs D. are most attractive. In other respects, the moral resemblance is strong. Thus much of my personal news. The house in 21st St. is dismantled for the Season – except as to my room – & I expect to remain alone, & in command of the ship, until late in the Autumn.

I received your short letter from Dublin, & blessed God for your marvellous escape! It seems incomprehensible how you could have fallen 18 ft. & have sustained such comparatively slight injury – Not, indeed that a sprained wrist & 2 fractured ribs are trifling matters, but – under the circumstances – the bare preservation of life was all but miraculous – and your being able to sit up in a week (!) very little lift so. Truly, my dear Gray, you have more energy & strength than falls to the lot of most men. I am sorry to learn from Mrs G. that your right hand continued weak so late as last March – However, I believe that sprain of the wrist takes a very long time to recover entirely.

The last time I saw Torrey – some 4 or 5 weeks since – he told me that a difficulty had arisen between himself & Comr. Wilkes, in which you would also share, & he even intimated that you might, possibly, fail to realise the pecuniary reward of your hard labour, should you & Wilkes not, ultimately agree. This, however, I will not believe, until I am obliged to do so, as it would worry me very much, indeed. I shall hope for the best. I have not heard a word from Boston – directly, or indirectly – but you are no doubt advised as to the garden & the doings of our friend Sprague. I shall not dare to talk Botany with you, hereafter – for altho' I have always, as in duty bound, deferred very humbly to Mr. Prof.r yet, after all this work with Bentham & Hooker, he will be altogether too great a Don for me. I have missed you very greatly – more than I imagined – for altho' we did not meet very often, yet I knew of your doings from dear Mrs Gray – to say nothing of your own dear, & for the most part, abusive, communications. I now hope to see you both again, & I already feel how much pleasure this meeting will give me. I am very grateful to my valued friend for her invitation to Cambridge – To help you with your 2.d Ed.n would be a great pleasure to me, to say nothing of the happiness I experience in your family – but, it is too far ahead for me to venture upon any calculation of probabilities, for the present – By looking over my own Herb. I shall have some matters to submit to you – which I ought to have noted (but have not done so)

from time to time, in my own Copy of the Manual - In this Connection, let me remind you to bring out from the Herbaria exposed to your ☉ a specimen or two of Equisetum pratense Ehrh. (E. umbrosum, Mey. in Willd. E. Ehrhartii, Mey. Chl. Hanov. E. amphibolum, Kütz. E. trigonum, Bory. E. Drummondii, Hook.) The syn. I give from Wraun & Engelm. paper - as you may find the plant under some of these names, & not know it - Either Mosses tho' can be! Also get Scirpus (Eleocharis) Baeothryon L. (E. pauciflora, Link &c) see synon. in Kth. Cyp. p. 158. I suspect this will turn out to be Torrey's Scirpus rostellata. - Also get, for me, Dryopteris rigida - & D. spinulosa. & I hope you did not forget to obtain a fragment (seed especially) of the real Polygala vicelos of Kth. as to which I put a mem. for you amongst the Chapman plants, as I have a notion respecting this species, & we may set it straight. And now, another thing, for I do not mind giving you trouble in such matters, My Dear Gray, if a Quincea, or thereabouts, will buy a good Copy of Schkr. Carices, with the Suppt., please buy it for me, as I find myself so much the referee of our Country Cousins, in the matter of Carex, that I suppose I ought to have this volume - If in your visits to the old book-shops you find any odd vols. of DC. Mod. bear me in mind - I give you a discretion, but I suppose for odd vols. 4s or 5s/ ₩ ₩. would be as much as they would ask. I have got pars 2. (7 complete) 8. 12 & 13 - (sect. 2.) Any others would be acceptable - Of course, I do not want you to hunt about for these, but bear them in your recollection. I further want the vol. of Smith's English Flora containing Carex (I think the 4th.) I had barrowed it from my brother, & it was burnt with my things in 1845 thus rendering his set incomplete - The vols. were all published separately, by Longmans, & the odd ones are doubtless in the old book-shops - (still in Holborn?) This is all My Dear Gray, the sheet will hold - except kindest love to your dear good little wife, & many thanks for her undersend & very welcome letter - also thanks, in advance, for any kind attentions you may be able to render to the Dalmas - I hope & expect you will like them for their own sake as well as for mine - Love to Pratt - I will write him next week - Very affy yr. friend

I forgot to speak about Mr Marks - whom, (after consultation with my Brother, who had equally forgotten him) I now recollect. When I knew him he was a boy only - clerk to a gentleman in the City, with whom I was intimate - but called universally Henry & I am even doubtful, whether I knew his patronymic, at the time in question.

After he became a man, & married, he sought out my brother, & made himself known to him in N.Y. & as Sam. thinks, bought some small China trifles at Pine St. - Sam. says he thinks he invited him to dinner, & further believes that I met him, but of this I have no recollection.

So far as I know, therefore, he is a reputable person, but, as you say, he has had no education, as he was rather an office-boy than a Clerk, when I knew him, & what he knows he must have picked up - as I suppose he never had no School learning - which is the case with many other sharp fellows in the world -

Adieu!

Paid – Pr Canada Steamer –

Prof.r A. Gray

Care of Messrs. Brown Shipley & Co

Liverpool.

NEW YORK
JUN 19
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LIVERPOOL

Prof. Asa Gray
Care Brown Shipley & Co
Liverpool
Paid to Sir

Jane Street
Wed.y Morn.g

My dear friend –

I have but a very few minutes to reply to your letter, which, had it been a day later, would have crossed one of mine, as I had begun to be anxious about dear Mrs. Gray. I sincerely sympathize in her sorrows, tho' I knew not her amiable relative, & earnestly hope that she will not suffer from the reaction consequent upon her anxiety & excitement. It is long – several weeks – since I saw our friend Torrey, & have heard nothing of your news, nor did I know, indeed, as you seem to suppose, that you had an invalid under your roof –

And now, to the object of your Note — It is a great disappointment & mortification to me that I am unable to continue my Subs. to the Lindheimer Plants, upon which I had all along fully reckoned, & looked forward to the possession of them with pleasant anticipation — It may not be, however, & hence — since you say you have the means of disposing of them — please to appropriate, otherwise, the set designed for my brother, & let him have the (rather larger) one addressed to me — He wishes it sent to Pine Bluff, by Express, & I enclose on his behalf, a Check for $36 viz. $35.50 x 50 cts.

I have by me, received for you, as follows,

small package fm. Dr. Maclagan
" " " Mr. Curtis
two small packs. of Fungi from Mr. Curtis (for Sullivant) directed to your care —

If you with these things made into a parcel & forwarded to you by Express, please let me know — I have no news whatever to tell you, & my personal matters had I time to narrate them, are not worth the telling —

Much love to you both

Yours H.

minority of 29-30! I consider this a fine moral spectacle - a sort of modern Hartz Mountain tale, with the moral attaching to most of those thrilling narratives - that - adventurers selling their souls to the Devil, are always cheated by him of their anticipated guerdon. I hope the "great expounder" will expound this to his own edification, when "rising with the lark" so cheerily.

Marry come up! I hate the "platforms" of both parties, & despise the subserviency of the Northern Politicians, but I despise treachery, such as the Judas expounder's, yet more. So your (former!) friend Palfrey has presided over a Free-soil meeting at Cambridge - wonder if you went to it? - No matter, I go the Hale & Clay ticket, & as we have no liquor law, I mean to drink ~~the~~ such luck to it, as it deserves, but will not get, in something better than water!

Tuesday Morning - 7/6
N.Y.

My dear Ray,

"This comes hoping" that you are no longer in a steam with your boil, for, certainly, in this broiling weather, when melted to a Jelly, one has other fish to fry than attending to the like. So, without sending you more of my Sauce I quit the bank-on-table (!) subject, hoping, that, as the fruit of the whole matter (but a trifle, after all,) you are now enjoying your desert - exemption from all real, with a moderate allowance of Champagne.

So, having despatched the first course, I proceed in course, to dis-course of the second, viz. I have just seen Bridges who has an invoice of but one Copy

I have only found time to send very kind love to Mrs Ripley, & Daffie. Remember me to Lorry, if he is with you.

of D.C. Prod. 13 p. 1. which he says is mine, being the continuation of the set he sold to me - But, he writes to day, per steamer, for your Copy - & as he seemed annoyed that it was delayed, I told him that you should have mine, if you wished it, before the arrival of the other Copy - This you can signify in your next, & I will act as you may prefer in the matter - either forward it to you, or bind it for myself. Bridges leads me to expect that I shall have it immediately.

The Carex gigantea is your own - Do not give it away - or lose it, till you get more; but have it glued down, incontinently.

Your proposition as to Wright's plants will indeed "do nicely" - & I shall probably find no self-denial necessary in returning what I do not buy, as it will apparently be - because I have got them, already.

I have not a Scrap of Braxinus 4-angulata, to send you, as you might have remembered - for my ashes were strewed before you - & you gathered up, & coffined what you saw fit of them - but if you write to Mead - Short - Engelmann - & Sullivant you will be sure of sufficient specimens - and - "I cry halves", when they come. I will, myself, write to Short, & you can attack the other 3 (or two, for I suppose that Sullivant is of no use, now, what with the Rainy wife - and - the Moses)

What do you think of the doings of the Whig Convention? & of your friend Judas, with his glorious

New York - 19 July 1851.

My dear Gray - I wrote you a long letter on 10 June, with one or two little commissions to which I now desire to make some additions, as a note from Brott, received yesterday afternoon, informs me that you purpose sailing on the 23 Proxo.

My son desires to complete a set of "The illustrated London News", which he began to take in November last - and as the publishers advertise the back vols. for sale, please to apply, at the Office, for the first 16 vols. complete, & the numbers of the 17th vol. from the commencement of it, up to, & including No. 455 (16 Novr. 1850) with such supplements as there may be - If these add numbers are not to be had, then buy the entire 17th vol. - John wishes the vols. stitched in paper wrappers only, in which state they are advertised at 13/- stg. per. vol. and he has been told that if you write your own name

I have not seen Sorrey, since my last - nor heard from him - I am pretty well, thank God - but very lazy - fail me sadly - at times. Yours affly.

Davidson 109 Nassau St.

me any service, or kindness, I have ventured to impose thus much upon your good nature. I enclose a letter to an old friend, Mr. Simon, who will put you in funds, for my account, but, if you should have drawn more than you require to spend, & wish to convert your Sterling into Dollars, I will pay you the equivalent here, on your arrival - In this, you will, of course, consult your own convenience, as it makes no difference whatever to me - Keep a mem. of what you spend for me, that I may know exactly what to remit to my friend Mr. Simon -

John & his wife, have just left the sea-side, & have gone up the river to Mr. Astor's place, where they will spend the remainder of the Summer - Alice seems very feeble still, but is quite cheerful. I am housekeeper - at ~~No~~ No. 15. West 21st. My best love to dear Mrs. Gray & much to your good self - I long to see you both - & (are

outside the wrappers, & bring them out with you, they will be admitted here free of duty - Please, therefore, take the trouble to do this, & as the vols. will occupy some space, you can have a box made expressly for them, at the publisher's office, if you think it may be more convenient for you -

In my last I believe I omitted to include vol. 9. DC. Prod. amongst those I have, as it was at my brother's - I recapitulate what I have, as follows -

Bars. 2. 7 (both parts) 8. 9. 12. & 13 (sect. 2.)

If you have picked up enough of the early vols. to make it worth while, please buy also Buck's index -

Supplements to Endlicher - I want any published subsequent to the 3rd

Bentham's description of Hartweg's plants - buy both parts for me. My brother also wishes me to enquire whether, as a purchaser of a set of the California specimens, he is not entitled to a copy of the 2d part, in which they are described -

Hooker & Arnott's British Flora - In a recent letter, Darlington speaks of this as "perfect in its kind" - please therefore buy for me the last (6th I believe) Edition, if not exceeding 1 or 2 vols. & of moderate cost.

I have the 2d vol. of DC. Regni veg. Syst. Nat. & would buy the first, if it turns up, reasonable. I care but little for this, however -

I wants also like Dreyer's Caricologia & his little Genisio Crit. if you can get them, in London, readily - I suppose Goodenough's Carex paper is out of the question - Ask Boott.

Now, my dear Gray, these little orders will give you trouble, I well know, & also occupy time, of much value to you during your last month - but, as I know you to be a driving fellow, & am no less well convinced of your desire to do

Saturday, 31 July.

My dear Gray,

I thank you for your note of 24th. - I will look at Torrey's Euphorbiae, when he returns - In the meantime, we now understand each other -

Boott has a guiddity respecting Carex Boottii, to which I must reply, & as none of us have the plant, except yourself, please send me your specimen, by Torrey - you will find it in §. Dioicae (if I made this Diod. in your Herb.) otherwise in Phyllophorae. I will return it by same

future opportunity:

If you look amongst your specimens of C. G. Loring's Lake Superior Plants, I think you will find the real Abies alba. The piece you gave me has the Cones very young, but I have little doubt that it is the thing — & you probably have older ones, in your set. Let me know what you think —

I wrote Cooley (Michigan) for Frax. grandiflora or for you but he has only been able to get branches — without fruit — tho' he cut down several trees.

I have not yet received the Spec.s — Equisetum pratense is all right — no doubt. It must come into the Manual Ed. 2 !

Thanks for Rumex Britt:

Kindest regards to Mr. Gray, & believe me always Yrs.

A. G.

Of course, you see the names of Downing — & the wife & daughters! of Prof. Bailey amongst the deceased — from the accident to the "H. Clay"

New York, 4th Sept. 1851.

My dear friends,

Since I may not offer you the hand of welcome, I borrow the long arm of Uncle Sam for that purpose, sincerely congratulating you on your safe arrival in your fathers-land.

I venture to hope that whilst you love it not less than ever, your good opinion of honest Mr. Bull is not lessened by your long residence with him — As to the B. F., of every kind & hade, I am content to leave them to your charity,

being little solicitous of what your impressions may be concerning the like.

Towey is well — I saw him about a fortnight ago — He has sold his house, but remains at Princeton, until November. The family, I hear are also well. My young folks are from home, but my accounts of Mrs. P. continue unsatisfactory, as she does not appear to regain her strength. I suppose I shall be housekeeper for two months longer.

I know you are too busy to read long letters — had I even occasion to write one, which is not the case — so I shall only repeat the sole purport of this note — a hearty welcome, & the undiminished, & most sincere regard of your very affect.

Rob Carey

Mr & Mrs Gray.

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New York —
Satty — 6 Nov.

My dear Gray —

I wrote you, yesterday, little expecting what I should have to say to you, to-day, in answer to yours of 4th. Inst.

Last Evening brought me letters from England, which will probably lead to my returning thither very shortly, indeed — & looking at my growing infirmities, most probably for the remainder of my life! This, unlooked for, change in my prospects, has caused such a revulsion in my thoughts & feelings, that until the matter is settled, I shall be in constant

Agitation – My son returns next Wed.y (10th.) & soon afterwards my determination will be taken, & you, of course, will be amongst the first to hear of it. In the meantime that Mr Wright's interests may be in no wise prejudiced, I take this first moment to say that I decline taking the set of plants as they would probably be of no use to me – If I go, I shall leave my Herbm & books, in Am.a, to be sent to me, a year hence, perhaps, if I live, & am permanently resident in England – Wherever I may be, I am, & hope to remain, Your ob.t Mrs Gray's affect.e friend J.G.

New York, 3d. Decr. 51.

My dear Gray –

My letter to your Missus will explain that altho' I cannot visit you, just now, I hope to do so very shortly; & I am looking forward to quarrelling with you over the Back-Gammon table, & on all other occasions, with great satisfaction. I only hope I may not be too meek & tame for the occasions, as they arise.

Now this is what I have to ask of you – It has occurred to me that you may feel desirous of sending some plants to the B. Ds & others who may have added to your Herb. & if so – my Dupts., one & all, are at your Service. Shall I bring them on? Of course, they are a miscellaneous lot, but there are several hundreds of them, & some

very good plants amongst them - many of them Hales Lo. specimens. "I pause for a reply." We are all very well, & I, with much, & unchanged, regard am "your poor servant ever" - E.C.

If there is any thing else you wish me to bring from hence, please to signify your high behests, & they shall be attended to - Mashallah! On my head be it!

& with whom I must to renew my agreeable intercourse before very long. I write a line to the Prof.r to send no message to him, but beg you to accept the sincerest regards of yr very Aff.e

J. Carey

Mrs Gray.

New York, 3d. Decr. 1851.

My dear Mrs. Gray,

This morning brought me your kind note, & kinder invitation, & I regret that I cannot, at the moment, say when I may hope to see you. About three weeks since, I undertook to direct the planting of a Shrubbery for an esteemed friend, on Staten Island, & the frost of last week has arrested our operations when we had only about two days work remaining to be done. As the Shrubs & trees are all ordered from a Nursery (at Newark) we wait only for a warm rain to enable us to finish our job, & altho', of course, there is no

sort of certainty as to when this may be expected, I feel compelled, in kindness to my friend, who counts upon my superintendance, to be upon the spot, ready to take advantage of the first suitable Weather.

I have just been at Mrs Torrey's to have explained to Jane the uncertainty of my movements, & how greatly I regret that I cannot be her escort, which would have afforded me unusual pleasure. She is only just recovering from her late attack, but talks of leaving N.Y. at the close of the present, for commencement of the ensuing week. However, Mrs T. (who, I regret to say, appears but feeble) is writing to Eliza to-day, & she may possibly speak with certainty as to when Jane will be with you. I can assure you that I wish much to see you, & should be very pleased to join your "merry circle in the Parlour". As soon as my little job is accomplished I will write to you again, & learn when it may be convenient to you that I should come on.

I do not wonder that your correspondence has been neglected since your return, & so far as I am concerned — much as your letters always gratify me — I would rather forego the satisfaction, for a time, than to add aught to your epistolary labours. Nevertheless, in justice to myself, I must demur to your Book-keeping, for, assuredly, "Mr Carey does (not) owe Dr Gray" since I wrote to the worthy Professor last.

I am very sorry to hear of Eliza's illness, & beg you to say all that is kind to her, on my behalf — also to the several members of your family whom I have the happiness to know,

it had - & I heard read the reply which had been sent to Dr. M. They say the Schooner is a good vessel & only 3 yrs. old. She is to sail on Monday at furthest - or possibly, (as they say) on Sunday afternoon.

I saw Forney, yesterday - He seems well as usual - Mrs F. was suffering from neuralgic pains, & I could not see her, & I fear that poor Maggie is not likely to be better very soon. Her disease is said to be in the nerves of the Spine - but the Doctor seems hopeful about her.

I beg my kindest regards to Mrs Gray - with many thanks for the courtesy & kindness bestowed upon so dull a guest. Also my remembrances to Mr Chas. L. & Dr. Merriam if still with you - & lastly, believe me, my dear Gray, with a grateful recollection of your recent kindness & hospitality, Very truly yrs.

E.

New York, 16 Jan.y 7/52.

My dear Doctor

I should have written to you, yesterday, but found that, after having been down town to pay Bridges (whose receipted bill I return, herewith) I had not time left to save the mail.

I had a most uncomfortable voyage on the Sound - We reached Stonington as early as 20 min. past 8 o'clk. but found it blowing a heavy gale, & we were told that it was doubtful when the boat would leave before morning. However, about 10 o'clk. we cast off, & encountered a severe gale - many of the passengers, from fear, & sickness, walked the deck all night, tho' it was extremely cold & uncomfortable. I laid down, in my clothes, about 1 o'clk. but could not sleep, as the boat laboured, extremely, & as the heavy seas struck her, she quivered & trembled from head to stern. At day-light the wind had moderated

I gave your order to Bridges for the next following bills of Dr's Bros. The bill part of Oct. 13 is not yet paid, I.e.

but we were still 40 miles from the City, which we reached at 10 o'clk. but here a new difficulty began - The bay was so full of ice that we could scarcely make our way thro' it, & at length, after having reached so near to the dock as to be hailed by the Carmen &c. we had to back out again, in our own channel, & land all the way over to Jersey City to acquire sufficient impetus to try again - we went under good steam & lead on to the dock, but at last could not get quite along side, & double planks, & other contrivances, were resorted to, before we could land - all this consumed 3/4 of an hour more, so that it was nearly 11 o'clk. before I got on shore - I found all well, & the weather decidedly cold, tho' less so than with you - There is some wadden - some snow about, but no sleighing - Yesterday was a mild day, & we were up to our ankles in mud!

Bridges showed me a small vol. appearing to be an eloge on the late DC it is entitled "A. P. Debandolle - sa vie & ses travaux - par A. de la Rive". I thought you might like this, so noted the title. He also called my attention to an 8vo. vol. "Botanique cryptogamique par Payer - Do you know any thing of the reputation of this author? He calls himself so many things in the title, & especially - "representant du peuple" - that I am afraid it is some catch-penny.

Soon after parting from you I remembered, with much regret, that, in the hurry of parting I forgot to go into the study to say farewell to Dr. Merriam, for which I pray you to make my excuses - I called upon Beason, yesterday, to see if the Doctor's letter had been received, & found that

& I will return you the sheets I already have, if of any use to you. Also for the specimens you have forwarded to me, thro' Dr. Torrey, which I shall, no doubt, receive, in due time.

Darlington is preparing a new Edn. of his Fl. Cest. He sent me his drawings some weeks ago, & today I have a letter from him about some Carices, so I suppose he is nearly through with the Job.

I beg my kind love to Mrs Gray, from whom I am always pleased to hear, when leisure & inclination serve — also best respects to Mr & Mrs Loring, if they are with you.

& believe me,
Very truly Yrs.
Jno Carey

I have heard nothing from Olney since he went South.

New York —
3rd April 1852.

My dear Gray —

I thank you for your esteemed letter, & am well pleased to find that your long silence was not occasioned by sickness. For the rest, I well know you are too busy to waste much time on such an unprofitable correspondent.

On the 17th Feby my daughter was safely confined with (to all appearance) a fine little boy, but, unhappily, he only lived a single day! This is another sad disappointment, but she, herself, is about again, & very comfortable.

For the last fortnight I have been working in the Shrubbery of my friend Mr Kingsford, at

Staten Island - & find fewer Casualties that might have been anticipated, in such a rigorous winter - Pinus Pinsapo is in good health, & must absurdly, therefore, be esteemed quite hardy - but P. pinea has perished -

Amongst my mem.ⁿ connected with the plants I brought, last, from Cambridge, I find that one which you thought a large form of Arenaria obtusa called on Lake Superior, by C. T. Jackson, is a large & diffuse state of Sagina nodosa - I have the same thing from Whitney - & C. Loring - also from L. Superior -

I shall be happy to see you here next May - & hope my young folks may not have left the City before your arrival - It is probable that I shall be here, at any rate. My brother has bought a pretty farm at East Chester (73 acres) & he proposes moving there in about a fortnight - The distance is about 16 miles, but as it is only 1¼ mile from the N. Haven R.R. he will ride backward & forwards to Pine St. every day. I trust this move will benefit his general health, & add to his comfort.

I have not seen any of our friends, the Torreys, for 4 or 5 weeks so you know more about them than I do myself. In fact, I go out very little (never unless compelled) & know nothing of what is going on in the world. I have not heard, or seen, any thing further of Dr. Merriam.

I thank you, very much, for the promised copy of the Pl. Wright.

15 West 21 St.

New York, 14 June/52.

My Dear Gray

I wrote you this day fortnight with the cones & leaves of my Abies alba, which I hope you received - unbroken.

My present purpose is to say that I have just received a letter from Sartwell, who writes, as follows,

"What had I best do with my duplicate plants? I have a large quantity on hand, & probably shall never exchange them. I am growing old & shall not collect much more, & should I die & leave them they will probably be scattered to the winds. Could they be put up in sets & sold in London, or any

where else; I suppose I could put up from 3 to 5 parcels of a 1000 each, many from the South & West, & one or two parcels possibly of 1500 or so. Advise me —"

Now, as I know no better person to give the required advice, please let me know your views on the subject, which I will transcribe to him — as such. I sent him, some time since, the ripest seed I could find in my fragment of Sarwellia, but he has not succeeded in raising them. He is now very anxious for a few more which he will soak in a weak solution of muriatic acid, in the hope they may vegetate. Can a few be shaken out of your specimens, without injury? If so, enclose them to me, as I have to write him, on some other matters. He further remarks, "I thought that you or Gray would notice my Carices Part II in some of the Journals —"

This is all I have to say, as I have seen nobody since you left Nyk. & am not "posted up" in the gossip, if there be any. Give my kind love to Mr. Gray &

believe me

Always & truly yrs

E. C.

Why are you like an undertaker?

for the Mail on Saturday, to wait till to-day – to see if the advent of my 55th birth-day would find me wiser in any of the matters as to which I had concluded – when somewhat younger – but find no change in my Saturday's views, which I therefore confirm – adding only kind love to Mrs Gray – some to Herbert – & much to yourself –

A.

You may as well address the package of Plants to

15 West 21st St.

Why are you like an Undertaker?

Because you removed my Ashes from N. Y. to Cambridge !!!

New York, 19 June 1852.

Dear Gray,

I have your note & shall transcribe what you write as to Sartwell's plants, for his information, & also send the seeds. I mean to recommend him to try part of them in a weak solution of Oxalic Acid, which I believe to be better than Muriatic, as he proposes.

Now, as to the Wright plants, it would not seem to be right that I should be quite shut out from the distribution of them, & as I altogether disapprove of "cribbing" – when it cannot be done – there seems only the honest way, you suggest, of obtaining a few of them – Certainly, as a prudent

gentleman (55 yrs. old, in 2 days!) I should hesitate to say I can "stand" this arrangement – but, as a most peccable son of our common mother, I feel that I cannot with-stand "2 or 3 hundred, or less, judiciously selected" – So I even say, as the renowned hunting Lord Mayor said by the hare, & for the rest, I must make the two ends meet, as I best may – or, call my creditors together. I assume that the usual price of $10 pr. 100 is the charge for these tempters. After all, Eve fancied the live fruits & I the dead ones, & the flowers – no great difference, it would seem.

As to your Athens friend Elihu Hall, & his Carex Steudelii, he is far more nice than wise – The spikes are (practically) solitary, being all radical, though no doubt 2 or 3 spring from the same sheath. Look at Brott's fig. (209 Fl. Bordeaux) of C. Backii, & you will notice precisely the same arrangement, yet he places the species in his "§. A. Spica solitaria."

Whose Dog is Elihu Hall to call in question the doings of Dr. Boott, in the matter of a Carex? to say nothing of Mr Carey! It is true that Kunth, the author of the species, says "spicis duabus subradicalibus" – but they are quite – radicalibus, so far as I can discern – However, if we live till the 2d Edn some qualifying phrase must be thought of, for the sake of such innocents as your friend Hall.

Monday Morng. I was too late

15 West 21 St. NY. 15 July 1852.

My dear Gray

My last had reference to DC. Mod. & Bridges, which you doubtless rec'd. & subsequently the vol. from himself. I have, since, to thank you for your Silliman Papers on Harvey's Sea-weeds, Biblio. &c. which reached me safely. I am now laying out, to glue, my Euphorbia & endeavouring (as best I may, without the required books) to understand them a little as I go. I have just run upon a snag of your own sinking, & you ought not, therefore, to grudge the trouble of clearing the channel for me, at least in that respect. In 1848, you sent me (ex Hort. Cantab.) "E. Arkansana, Nutt" Tex. Wright". Now there are clearly 2 different things here, & I send you a few seeds of each. One, accords well enough with the descrip.n of E. Ark.a Engl. & Gr. in Lindl. but is that also E. arkansana of Nutt, as your label runs? The other plant is extremely like what I suppose to be E. peplus, except that the seeds are irregularly furrowed, rather than pitted. I have an idea that 528 Lindheimer (of which I have only a young bit from Sam.) is the same plant, as this; & 698 Lindl. seems also to come very near it, but I have no ripe seeds.

Spalding's Oregon Plant has the lightly reticulated seeds & serrulate leaves of your (or Nutt's?) E. Arkansana, but the bracts are not rounded, but like the leaves, lanceolate, or oblanceolate. What is Nuttall's E. peploides to which you compare your plant? Except in the smooth carpels, it would seem to be very nearly E. platyphyllum. Where did Nutt. describe it? I have from Short, what he says is E. commutata, Engelm. but it is

I think just what you intend in the Man. for E. Peplus, of which I have no European exemplar.

Now, I think I see you frowning (more two) & saying Confound the fellow - what should I know about Euphorbia? But, patience friend pray - give me half an hour, quietly,

1st Because you have troubled me, by carelessly sending two different plants, under one label -

2? Because it is charitable, to enlighten, with a ray of your wisdom, those who sit in Darkness.

3? Because it will eventually help yourself, as your own garden specs are also, probably, mixed; &, at any rate, you will have to attend to the matter in connection with M. Wright & Lindh.

4th Because I will not let you rest, until you have attended to the matter - This is an argument, I think!

When looking into your specimens I pray you to lay by for me, any thing that can be spared (fragments, if better may not be) of the following -

Euphorbia Peplus - European, & authentic.
Exula
Peplaides, Nutt.
Arkansana, Engl. & Gr. (with.)
Arkansana, Nutt (if any such species)

I have not seen Torrey, for some time, & am quite without news - Kind love to Mrs G. & some to yourself, if you attend to the within, incontinently, any specs you may have to spare, of the above, can wait, until you are sending the Wright Plants, or what not. I believe I will make an analysis of my letter, to ensure your careful answer, to its contents.

Examine seeds, enclosed, & report as to species.

Is there a E. Arkansana Nutt. as well as of Engl. & Gr. & if so, where described

Is 528 Lindh. the same as the pl. with rugose seeds, herewith.

Is 698. Lindh. distinct from 528

Is Spalding's Oregon Pl. a form of E. Arkansana Engl. & Gr.

What is Nutt's E. Peplaides, & where described.

Do you know Engelmann's E. Commutata, & how it differs from E. Peplus?

I am yrs. (as your care & promptitude may deserve) D.C.

Lieu

to Cambridge, but, as I have refused to visit my own young folks at their Country Cottage, I could hardly leave the City, this Summer, without falling into merited disgrace.

I passed an evening, last week, with Mrs. Torrey, & was pleased to find her looking better than usual. Maggie is at Staten Island, & Jane at Tennessee, Eliza only at home. I learnt, from Mrs. T. that Sam interesting friend Holton, is about to sail for South America — either to Rio or New Granada, Mrs. T. was uncertain, which — We had some grand doings here, two days ago — the Clay procession — but I gave my man & woman a holiday, & staid at home myself — Shiny!

Kind love to Mrs. Gray, & with renewed thanks, believe me

Very faithfully Yrs.

C.

I have a letter from Boott, 2d. inst. who says his health is better.

Thursday 22 July 52.

My dear Gray —

Your letter reached me, yesterday, & I take the earliest opportunity of thanking you for your kind attention to my enquiries.

I had previously supposed that the plant raised from Wright's seeds might be Nuttall's E. peplis, with which the Char. agrees well enough. I hardly see, however, where in it differs from American E. peplus, & it may be, after all, that we have not the real European species, in the Country, — the Manual to the contrary notwithstanding! (what a heresy!) Certainly, Engelmann's E. commutata (amer.n E. peplus, I suppose) is well enough described by your Char.r of E. peplus, in the Manual, & is probably not distinct from E. peplaides, Nuttall —

It was to clear up this question, that I asked you for European E. peplis, which, it appears, you have not got.

You remark that when you "said E. peplides has smooth seeds, you had before you only specimens of E. peplis" — which has pitted seeds! However, I suppose this last slip was in writing E. peplus for E. platyphylla. But it is of no consequence, as I now understand that you had no authority for describing the seeds of Nuttall's plant.

I have no Oakesian spec.ns of E. Esula, & shall feel obliged for that you offer to me — also for Falinum calycinum & parviflorum. I have rec.d F. teretifol. from Darlington.

I thank you, very much, for the flower of Epilobium latifolium, from Labrador — also for the Samara of Nuttall's Fraxinus nigra. A specimen (purporting to be of this species) which I have from Hale has much smaller — perhaps less mature — Samara, with the third wing very narrow, & small.

I have written to Short for Frax. quadrangulata, & we shall doubtless get it from him, if within his reach.

I shall get the paper of Nuttall's to which you refer — & I have seen certain spec.ns referred to names of Elliott, not in the Sketch. Can you direct me to any paper of his, elsewhere? no.

If you can spare a specimen of Rumex 2. 3. 7. 8 (manual) I should be very glad of them, as I have none of either species. 3. R. salicifolius, being one of Oakes' & a Mass.tts species, is probably abundant with you.

I fear you are not yet working at the Flora, since Lindheimer's plants are not looked out beyond the "great terminus." Sprague will be right after all! — "No you won't." I thank you, heartily, for your invitation

I regret to say that Mrs T. (from what I heard, for she kept her room) seemed but little able to make the journey - However, I trust that she may get there safely, & derive benefit from the Mountain air -

My kind love to Mrs Gray

Believe me, Very truly yrs

H.

I wonder what you are doing ?

Flora ? no.
Genera ? No.
Exploring Expn ? (perhaps)
Reindeer } a little of all
Wright } these (perhaps)
Lindheimer } but rather doubtful
Sundries - yes. heaps!

New York, 19 Augt 1862.

My dear Gray -

Yesterday, received your parcel containing my Graxini, & other matters, for which I am much obliged - your Carex shall be returned by some future opportunity.

By the look of my papers you must be rich in the few Graxinus, as you only plead guilty to robbery, in a single instance! How is this? Have they abandoned the noble Rumford system - ☺ - at the Hort. Cantab? or is it that the great examples of generous self-devotion set

by Louis Nap.[n] & Dan.[l] Webster are already ameliorating mankind! no doubt such disinterestedness must reach upon the age that produced such exemplars!

Well – I shall restore my ashes to their mausoleum, & will bear witness, that, to your craft of undertaker, you do not add the congenial branch of "Resurrection-man". The species are all just as I understood them, except that I did not know that D. juglans.[a] was a syn.[m] of D. viridis. But what a reduction of species! a very comfortable minced-meat method of elaborating a genus – I have been looking over Short's Desmodia, at his request, which has led me to examine my own, & I find that I have a specimen of Ravenel's – labelled by Curtis D. lævigatum, but it is unifoliolate! which doubtless escaped the observation of Curtis, & I call your attention to it, as I believe you profess Ravenel's plants, that you may see how it compares with your D. Wightii. Is Desmodium humifusum good for any thing? & if so, have you got a Boston spec.[n] to spare, as I never saw it.

In a week or two, I mean to sort out my Dup.[s] which I shall, as before, send on to you for some of your affectionate B. Ds.

I saw Torrey, two evenings since, he went, yesterday, to Catskill with his family, but

New York - 13th Septr. 1852.

My dear Gray - By Adams' Express, of this date, I forward you a package, containing, as follows,

1. A small lot of duplicates, which I dedicate, with all love (& fraternity!) to such B. F., amongst your friends, as the same doth, or may concern.

2. Your specimen of Carex Boottiana, which I return, with thanks, & "in like good order & well conditioned" —

3. Some half dozen things, for your own Herbm., as to some of which I desire your note exigetica.

4. A little Package, for Boott, which please hand to his son, with a request that he will forward it per first opportunity he may have.

5. Index Caricum in Herbario Gray - which you should have had long since, but that I knew you did not need it - for the present. You will note some interlineations, & other sins, against neatness, but I prepared it from my rough memda of your Collen, & to say the truth, after having written out slips for the Index, my spirit (or rather my eyes) grumbled, at the thoughts of making out a fair copy - I think the enumeration may contain some 2 or 3 species you have not got, as my memory is not now so clear, on the subject, as - "it used to was", but I think I have included all your possess, which is the main point, & if you ever miss any of those enumerated - why, you can conclude that I cribbed them! which will explain the hiatus, & be consolatory.

6th. & lastly. a Desmodium & Alyssum! out of my own Herb. (& to be returned there, some day, if you are as honest as you ought to be!) to which my remarks are attached, & as to which I beg to be enlightened.

I believe the above is a sufficient invoice of my package, which I commend to your attention, accordingly - as a Merchant, might say.

Yesterday, I called on Bridges who shewed me some matters which may interest you, & I made memda as follows,

1. Botty. of H. M. S. Herald - 1st part. $3. - there are to be 10 parts. - I inclose a Prospectus.

2. Memoires sur la famille des fougères - (3me & 4me memos (together) $37½. par A. L. a. Rée - It is in large folio, & the plates in lithog. Bridges has not got the 2 first memos. The genus Vittaria fills 1 mem.

3. Vegetable Physiology - (in German, altogether) by Dr Herman Schlact - Berlin 1852 - 1 vol. 8vo $5-25. the plates are in lithog. coloured -

I have seen Dr Short two or three times - He is now on a (short) visit - (the pun is an accident, upon honour!) to a friend in N. Jersey, & will return hither en route for Kentucky. He regrets extremely that he did not see you when at Boston, as he made no less than four unsuccessful efforts to do so - He is a very kind & courteous man - of (about) 60 yrs. of age, or, possibly, rather more. He says that your Hypericum solaciforme is certainly nothing but H. sphærocarpon - which, since found, make a note on "-

I saw Torrey, last week, who was expecting his family home - He thinks both Maggie & Eliza greatly improved by their trip - especially Eliza -

I believe I have now said my say, for this time, & as eyes are more to me now, than formerly, I shall only add kind love to both of you, & conclude.

C.

I met Mr P. Jackson, in Broadway, last week, to my, no little, surprise - but he had just arrived, he said, & was about departing, so I had no chance of seeing further of him.

Prof.r A. Gray
Cambridge –
Massachusetts.

New York, 30 Sept. 52.

My dear Gray – I thank you for your kind note of "Saturday", & allow you to take your own time in noticing my quiddities, but I am interested in the alyssum (?) as Cruciferæ are old loves of mine, & at some time or another you must give this plant a careful examination, as well as the unifoliolate Desmodium. I desired Bridges to send you Schacht's book, which I presume he has done. Apropos of Books, did you ever order for me Kunth Enum. Plant. Vol. 5. 1850 & Endlicher Gen. Plant. Supp. 4 Part 2. & 5. If you have forgotten this little order perhaps I had better tell Bridges to import them for me.

Our friend Boott has required me to verify a new species he has made out of Carex crinita, & whilst working for him, I revived my old quiddity of the distortion of the Utriculum in this, & allied species – & as I think it of some botanical interest I have drawn up a short article for Silliman, which I send for your imprimatur, as the

nical Bags of that Journal. You will see that the foot note requires an engraved block, but, if you do not think the article worth one, the reference numbers must of course be erased from the MS. I leave this to you, & indeed I shall not be mortified if you should suppress the whole, as the subject may not seem so interesting to others as it does to me — a Carex Mean. If you approve, send it on to Silliman at once — Parkinson wishes it, & you have no time, I suppose, for the job, I purpose preparing a notice of his Carices, to which I shall append some useful free matter — as a make weight. This may perhaps send you in time for the Biblio. department of the November number, but I thought I had better not delay my present consignment, as it is intended for the body of the work, & requires the cutting of a wood block.

Give my kind love to Mrs Gray. I am rejoiced to hear that she has recovered from the effects of her fall. I am, very unwillingly, in the hands of Beales, who is trying to twitch me up in his, for I am rather poorly, but not exactly have be confined. My journey likely to be put off.

Yours very truly
Chas. Darwin

New York, 23 Oct. /62.

My dear Gray

Since I wrote you last, I have been rather poorly, & my son, on a visit to the City, sent for Dr. Beales, "unbeknownst" to me, who kept me for a few days in his clutches. Afterwards, I was very summarily despatched to the Cottage, of my young folks, in the Country, where I remained a fortnight. During my absence, Mr. Gray's letter arrived, & I should have replied to it immediately on my return (a week since) but that I wished to be able to report upon the Case for "Howard", as to which I have not seen Dr. Beales since my return, but paper & the pills are all right. I shall see Mr. G. & the Dr. this evening, & will write to you next week.

I thank you for forwarding my paper to Gillman. I have not yet commenced the notice of Tartuelle, but will perhaps do so, next week, & will send it on to you, for the Jan.y number.

I beg my kind love to Mrs. Gray, & thanks for her invitation; but, winter apart, I feel too "slim" to venture upon a visit, with the possibility of becoming troublesome to my good friends. Ever truly yrs. J.R.

My respects & good wishes to the Puppy — seeing that he is a Dog; but no word of civility to Blackie, in that he is a Cat.

I have several times called upon Putnam - Last Evening, I found he had received it, & he opened it whilst I was at his place. It contained one or two Pkgs. for other parties, & (I think) 13 for yourself, which are to be forwarded to you this day - Judging from their size & shape, I at once selected the 2 Pkgs. containing the vol. of Kunth, & Supp.t Endlicher No. 4 Part 2. (only!) & these I took the liberty of opening, & found them to be, as I supposed. But did you not also order for me Supp.t 5, Endlicher? Please look to your invoice, & see if it is charged to you, in which case I must beg you to say that it has not arrived - unless you find it in one of your other packages, which is hardly probable. If it has not been charged to you, perhaps I had better desire Bridges to import it for me, & save you the trouble.

Mr. Cogswell is just about embarking for Europe to make further purchases for the Astor Library, & I think of asking him to get me a Copy of Sehk's Carices - Will you please send me the exact title of the work, & the date of the Edition with the Supp.t - or any other particular by which it may be

New York, 13th Nov.
1852.

My dear Gray,

My last will have prepared you for what follows – I embark on the Africa, 17th inst. with small prospect of ever returning to the U. States! The employment which I have accepted, is not very splendid, but it will afford me a competence, as a single man, so long as the requisite health & strength for managing large & anxious affairs, shall be vouchsafed to me. Of course, an arrangement, involving such bitter sacrifices, is not just what I should have preferred, but "my poverty, & not my will consents" –

My kindest address will be, for the present, Care of L. M. Simon Esq. Manchester, Eng.

of which the recollection will not be easily effaced. To dear Mrs Gray, also, I owe a debt of gratitude for her unvarying goodness to me, ever since I had the pleasure of her acquaintance – I pray God to bless you both, & to reward you for all the goodness, which I can only gratefully acknowledge, & to spare you to each other for many happy years.

I beg also my parting salutations to Mr Loring, Mrs L. & the other members of the family, whom I shall always remember with the kindest respect. I would also say farewell! to Mr Sprague, & Mr & Mrs Fern should it occur to you to mention my departure to them. In conclusion, my dear friends, believe me truly, & very affectionately Your's

Jno Carey

Hitherto, I have not been dependent upon my son for anything but my board, for the past 18 mos, which he could not appreciate, but as my means have been steadily dwindling - however slowly - I shall soon find myself totally dependent, & to avoid such a miserable alternative - I embrace a second transportation -

As my eyes are unfit for Botany in the evening, I fear I shall never again have an opportunity for it, & I therefore leave my Herbm & Books in charge of my son - at least for the present. I may, or may not, send for it a year hence.

I enclose $6 due to son

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$6. —

with many thanks, for your trouble, in the matter. -

There is another small affair which I must now devolve upon you - Please write Silliman to correct the proofs of my 2 Carex papers, himself, or to send them to you, & also to send you the 12 extra Copies I ordered, & which please dispose of, as follows

1 of each to Torrey
Yourself
Boott
Sartwell
add ress, 20th Reg^t Montreal - Dr. Maclagan -
Cooley - Adm. Washington, Mich^n
Lesquereux
Shark
Darlington
Engelmann
Dr. Curtis
my son - (for myself)

I believe this is all with which I have to trouble you, & there now only remains the grateful, tho' painful duty to thank you for a long course of unwearying & friendly courtesies,

"If the Editors of the Amer.
"Journal of Science & Arts should
"send to me the proofs for correction
"of 2 papers I have in the Jan.y No.
"please send them on to Prof. Gray
"Cambridge Mass. whom I have
"requested to attend to it. & if 12 fair
"copies of each article are sent to me
"please dispose of them as follows.

1 of each to Dr. Torrey 598 Houston St
" Dr. Gray Cambridge Mass.
" do. (addressed for Dr. Boott)
" Dr. Bartwell Penn Yan N.Y.
" Dr. Maclagan 20th Regt. Montreal
" D. Cooley Esq P.M. Washington Michigan
" Mr. L. Lesquereux. Columbus, Ohio.
" Prof. Short - Louisville Ky.
" Dr. Darlington - West Chester Penn.
" Dr. Engelmann - St. Louis, Missouri
" Revd. Dr. Curtis. Society Hill So. Car.
" retain for me."

Twenty-first St.
7 Jan.y 1853.

My dear Doctor,

Your note reached me this morning, and as I was just enclosing a letter of Mr. C's to

to my dear father, I scribbled all over good across yr. notes and sent it along - telling him what I proposed to say to you in this —

The quotation above is from a list of instructions my father left me before sailing - I will not however trouble you to execute his desires in the matter but if you will be good enough to forward me the package they express after returning the copies he desires you sh.d have, I will comply with my father's wishes in their distribution.

I will deliver the Sudbicher to Bridges with much pleasure well knowing, that in so doing I shall do as its owner would desire, whether for the furthering of Science thro' Mr. Wright - or because requested by his friend Prof. Gray.

Mrs Carey rec.d a very nice & cheerful letter from our father yesterday with wh. we were very much delighted - You may not yet have heard that he has formed a partnership with one of his oldest & best friends in London Mr. Simon, and his prospects & position are infinitely better than we had any idea they w.d be when he left this country -

I am, dear Sir.

Very truly Yours

John Carey Jr.

I have filled my sheet with my own matters, partly because I believe they will interest you but, also, because I have little else to write. I go out as little as I can, but I am now surrounded by a large circle of old friends, by whom I supposed myself forgotten, & I have been required to renew my acquaintance with turbot, & other good things, much oftener than I could have desired.

I received the copies of my Silliman Articles, for which I am obliged - but as I meant them for amer.n Circulation, I send them back to my son, for distribution - I shall, however, retain one of each for Boott, who has received me most kindly. I am within a few doors of him but have only drank tea with him once, since my arrival. The weather has been so constantly wet, that when not at Blackheath, nor compelled to dine out, I am only too glad to pass my evenings at home. You will have heard of the birth of my grand-daughter - whom I may never see! So strangely wayward is my destiny - & also, of my poor brother's most fearful accident - His recovery seems to me little short of a miracle; & I dare hardly even hope, that he will be other than lame for the rest of his life.

London, 8th Mar. 1853.

My Dear Gray -

I wrote you from Liverpool immediately upon my arrival, but have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, except your few lines by Mr Chas Loring, whom I had not the happiness of seeing. He called at my Counting House, when I was confined to my room, by a severe cold, & left his card with the information that he left for the Continent, on the following day, & should not return until June - If I live so long, I shall then hope to see Mr & Mrs L. & I am grieved to hear of their loss.

Very soon after my arrival in London circumstances induced me to resolve against concluding the arrangements which I had in view when I quitted N York - but, immediately afterwards, I received a proposition from one of my oldest English friends to join him & his son who are engaged as Stock & Share Brokers - The father has been in business 30 years, & I have known him throughout that long period,

as we continued to correspond up to my leaving America – The son I have known from his infancy – As the propositions made to me were very liberal, & my old friend a man greatly & deservedly esteemed, & withal of handsome fortune, I did not hesitate to embrace his offer, & since the commencement of the year we have carried on business together, under the firm of Simon, Son & Carey – 8 Warnford Court, London – to which address please send your letters for the future. My worthy friend is upwards of 70 years of age, I regret to say, but is, nevertheless, very active & energetic – I hope that our connection may enable me to spare his declining years much labour & anxiety, when I shall have become more familiarized with business, which is greatly changed since my time – Indeed, I make conscience of avoiding every thing having a tendency to divert my thoughts from my duties & have not opened a botanical book since I landed! In truth, I am afraid to trust myself in the way of such temptation. For the like reason, I have refused all invitations from my old friends to attend the meetings of the R. S. & L. S. – not that my evenings are engaged in my business, as my hours are from ½ p. 10 to ½ p. 5, or thereabouts – but I desire, for the present, at least, to wean my mind from Nat. Hist., that it may be as much occupied as it ought to be, but is not, in the conduct of business. For the rest, I have every reason to hope that so far as money matters are concerned I am very comfortably & genteelly provided for.

I have taken the 1st floor of a house in Keppel St. – a few doors from Russell Square, & quite close to the Brit. Museum, to which, however, I have not yet been, tho' I met Gray an Offr. of the Museum, at a dinner party, & who proffered his services to send me a reading ticket. My quarters are very comfortable & spacious, & well furnished – I take breakfast & tea only at home, & dine at a Chop-house near my Country Ho. However, of the 3 months I have been in England at least half of the time I have lived with my partner, at Blackheath. He has a large family, who are all most kind & good to me – My health has been good since my return home, except a constant Cough, which is even yet quitting me, with reluctance. Thus, my dear friends,

Mr. Joseph Hume, a son of the M.P. & intimate in the family of my Partner, is about to visit the U.S. & I shall give him a letter to you, as he is a well-informed, travelled man, & I think you will like him. He will also tell you all about me, as we meet frequently - He has been ill in Nfk. but proposes also to see something of the Country, before he returns - He desires to see the unbroken forest, in it's majesty, for which I suppose that Maine will be the hardiest point now remaining - also the Alleghanies & what else may be worth seeing, & for such matters I shall tell him to put himself under your guidance & Torrey's, as I know no better - Mr. H. is a widower, of simple tastes & habits, & you need not put yourself out of the way, in the least degree, in receiving him.

I have seen nothing of Hooker

but, if I live until the longer summer evenings, I shall hope to ride up to Kew, & see him - Indeed, I have not yet had the curiosity to go to the Zoological Gardens, though close at hand -

And now, my dear Gray, it remains but to send my sincere love to dear Mrs Gray - it is scarcely probable that we shall meet again on your side of the Atlantic, but I shall not cease to remember the kindness I have received, from you both, during the many years of my sojourn in America - I pray God to bless & preserve you both, & am truly, & affectly Yours

Jno Carey

I send no greetings to the Carreys as I wrote to the Dr. by last mail

East Chester 14 April 1854

My dear friend let me thank you sin-
-cerely for the agreeable Reminiscences I
received from you in the shape of Plants
Wright & Co. P. 2, Jussieu's Letter, & your own
Kind Letter of 17 Feb. — In the latter you derive
me to jog your Memory in the latter half of
April, & that as the result I might hope for
some Seeds & Roots of herbaceous Plants. They
will be so acceptable that at the risk of giving
you Trouble I take you at your Word. As
I wean myself gradually from the bustling
City, I find my Garden & greenhouse increasing
Comforts, tho' I cannot as yet boast of a very
great Diversity of Species; still I have a number
of interesting Plants, enough to keep attention
alive throughout the Year. — "Beggars should
not be Choosers" is a fit & fitting Proverb; however
I would just mention that I have sought in vain
in the Nurseries about N.Y. for our No. Am.

Species of Thermopsis & Baptisia (except B. australis) which are all favorites of mine, & any of them or of any of the Texan Minuoseæ that may happen to be superfluities among the Plantæ Harvardianæ, & as such may find their way into the Basket you send me, will be particularly welcome. — However for Pl.ᵃ viv: my Taste is quite cosmopolitan, & I welcome any Beauty of the temperate Zones from whichever Continent it may have strayed. — When you next visit New York it would please me very much if you can find time to spend a day with me in my old farmhouse, & talk of auld lang syne, tho' I expect my limping Carcase & gray Hairs will require a fresh Introduction to you: I doubt if you would recognise your old friend en passant. — Deo Gratias, I have vegetated thro' this long & severe Winter, but with great suffering at Intervals from the disordered Nerves of my Head, resulting from my Accident. My Smell & Taste have not yet returned, & sudden Changes of Temperature destroy all proper nervous Action in the wounded parts of my Head & face. — My Wife & 5 Brats thank God are all well. I continue to hear good Accounts of Brother John: he is a very busy Man once again, the Weight of the Business of his House being upon his Shoulders; & that, & a young Wife who seems dotingly fond of him, leaving him I suppose little time for Botany. I dipped into Miss Bremer's Book lately, which I do not think will add much to her Laurels as an Authoress. I was pleased to note that "Kind & agreeable Prof.ʳ Gray" was duly embalmed for Immortality in it. — My Wife joins me in good wishes & Regards. Believe me

Faithfully & friend

S. F. Cary

I have a letter from Fendler who is living at Caracas, & is thinking of going into the Camphene Business. — His address is A. Fendler, Caracas, Care of Rechelmann Luce & Co., La Guayra.

Anything you send me, please send to Cary & Co, Pine St by Express.

8, Warnford Court, London,

24th. Sept.r 1854.

Monday Morng.

My dear Gray,

I regret extremely your unfortunate malady, & equally the very unlucky chance which appears as though it would preclude the possibility of your introduction to my family, to which I have looked forward with very much pleasure — This is the state of affairs — In consequence of some little painting which we are doing at home we remain for the present, at Blackheath, & as Mr. & Mrs. Simon are both out of town until Friday, I am quite tied up at the Counting Ho. during business hours, so that I cannot

come up to you at Kew – In addition to this I am engaged to dinner on Wed.y & Thursday – so what to do I know not – but I feel greatly annoyed at the unlucky occurrence (most unusual) of my being from home & my partner away from London –

Perhaps, & I shall hope, since better may not be, that you will not fail this month, in which case I shall hope to see something of you – God bless Charley.

I will talk to Booth about your Carriage – I wish to make some few changes, & will also add what the enlarged geographical line requires – but, let me submit (mind submit, only) that N. Car. ought to be included, if you take in Tennessee as it is only the mere sea-board point of the former that is to the Southward of the So. line of Tennessee –

I know not how I can get up to Piccadilly, this week – situated as I am, yet I much wish to see C. L. – give my kind regards to him, & please also my best respects to Sir W. J. H. – I wish very much to see him also, & renew a former (too slight) acquaintance – but somehow or other, I never get out of London – I have engaged to accompany Dear Booth to Kew, but nothing has come of it, as yet –

Yours, in great haste

Yr. ofte. H.

8 Upper Bedford place,
Russell Square, London,
27th. March 1856.

My Dear Gray,

You know what it is to be busy, few men better, but you do not know what it is to be tied to a Counting house, where, even if business is not pressing for the moment, you are yet unable to absent yourself from the spot. Such is my case, & such the reason, & the only one, why you have not heard from me long since on the subject of your Carices. For weeks, nay months past, I have been anxious on the subject, & at last, finding that I could not count upon a day's daylight for the required examination, I wrote to Booth begging him to undertake the matter, without the least reference to what I had done, & to remodel the arrangement as he saw fit. To this he replied that he was a very slow worker & that even if he had the time to spare, it would take him 6 mos. to arrange the N. Am. Car.! as it was usual with him to expunge in the morning what he had written over night. To this he added that he thought my arrangement as good as it could be & that he certainly "would not patch my silk with his inferior material". He, however,

I cannot indulge my wish in this respect, I am surrounded with Comforts which I never thought to possess again & am, I hesitate not to say, much happier than mankind in general. It is a painful (& often recurring) thought to me that you should have made your hasty visit to town, when I was from home. It hard to liked that you should have had a peep at my menage & its dear inmates, that you might have told Mrs Gray of my happiness. My dear little girl now runs alone, & is a bright & lovely little creature (we judge) & as to the dipes, I shall only say that she is a help meet for me (as well as meat) & the two together make life a blessing to me beyond what I could attempt to describe with my sober pen. I fear it will be long before I see you here again! & the one opportunity was lost! However, it may be, & I may even live to see you both together under my roof. I sometimes venture to look forward as I never dared to do, feeling so much stronger & (do not laugh) at times even younger than when in the U.S. I grieve for dear Torrey's loss. it was a very severe one. I wrote him when I heard of his bereavement, but have not heard from him since. I did not see Maggie, during the few days she spent in London, as I had a boil on my Cheek which had to be nursed, seriatim. She is in Switzerland, but I know not for how long. My Son & his wife are at Pau, where they spent the winter. He has now a boy, born there. My kindest love to you both and also to dear Torrey & the girls. It just occurs to me to say that I have put C. Graseriana in the Postscript to which it (artificially) belongs, but I have no idea of its efficiency. J.G.

proposed to assist me, & sent me a few species to be added - From that time to this (5 or 6 weeks ago) altho' I have been in a fidget ever since, I could never take a day's holiday until yesterday, when I spent the whole day going carefully over my specimens, & hunting up such as I could of the Mem.a which I made at Mpk. in the fond hope that I should make my work more perfect in your 2.d Ed.n - But, unfortunately, I have never had time to assort my Mp. since they were bundled together by my son at Mp. to send to me here - Nor have I even Copies of some of the last Carex matter which I printed in Silliman - Especially, I beg you to turn to some Synon.y &c. in my Review of Sartwell's Carices, which was printed when I was leaving N.Y. in Nov.r 1852, I think I may not have recollected all I wrote there -

Well - having completed my notes, I sent them on to Boott, who returned them to me this Evening with a Note which I enclose to you - I think him wrong as to C. paniculata, but you have a microscope & botanical eyes, which I no longer possess - & can be umpire between us - I shall be satisfied in either case - Oddly enough, your letter of the 11th reached him, as you observe, on this very day - I do not wonder that you should have been disappointed at my apparent neglect of your wishes - in so small a matter - but, had not the time been wanting to me, I should have entered on the Job, not only as a small (very small) service to you, but as a pleasurable pursuit to myself - The truth is I cannot examine Plants by Lamp-light & I have no Day-light at home (during the winter & Spring) except on Sundays - I do not leave my Co-House, until 5 - & dine at home at 6 O'Clk. Being determined that no further delay shall occur, I have set my dear little Wife to copy my Notes, & she is now working by my side that you may get them by tomorrow's mail - You will see by Boott's note that he has been very unwell, which I did not know, but shall try to see him tomorrow Evening - He is a dear, good fellow, & has frequently told me that by the time your 3.d Ed.n is called for - I shall have leisure to make (with his help) the N. Am.n Carices perfect - I fear not, for tho' I "have all things & abound", I am in no way of making an independent fortune such as would give me my time to myself - When I think of Botany, & look at the untouched Cabinets in my Breakfast-parlour I sometimes suppress a sort of half sigh at my Yoke, but this is very ungrateful, for, tho'

The Cabinets are of Black Walnut, & cost about £50 –

Now, my dear friend, can you help me in this matter? I mean by advising me how to set about disposing of my Herbarium. It will cost me even a pang to do so, but hereafter I shall have neither time nor inclination for Botany – If I could afford to give away my Collections, I would do so very cheerfully, but I cannot, & must therefore do my best to realize what they will fetch for the sake of my dear Babes –

Excuse this application to you, my dear Boott, for I know not to whom else I could apply – Kindness I know that you will at least give me your Counsel in the matter – Do you think Dr. Alexander could assist me at all?

I trust you, & dear Mrs. Boott are stronger than when I last saw you – May God bless you all –

Yr. Prostrate, but ever affec.

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8, Warnford Court, London,

Tuesday, 18 Nov.r 1856.

My dear Boott –

In the greatest desolation of heart, I have returned to my Counting House, it being my own opinion, as well as that of the members of my dear wife's family, that it is better for my mind to be occupied in some manner, than that I should stay at home brooding over my heavy afflictions – I say home, but alas! I have no longer any, for I cannot reside in my former happy house, which I desire to sell just as it stands, including the furniture, which is all new & very good, & upon the cost of which I would submit to a large reduction – If you have any friend looking for a house in your neighbourhood this would be worthy of attention – It is needless to say to you, my dear friend, that my sole care for the future is the welfare of my dear Children – & my dear wife's Mother &

Sisters have promised me their active supervision of the Dear little Creatures, if I remove to their neighbourhood – Blackheath & this I have therefore resolved to do – and in the meantime, my Dear Children, & I myself, shall stay with their excellent Grand-Parents (at No. 10 Paragon, Blackheath)

But the house which I shall hereafter select for my residence, will be the smallest which I can obtain in a good neighbourhood, in fact, a mere Cottage, as I am convinced that apart from my Desire to live hereafter at the smallest possible expense, my sense of Desolation will be much less in a small Cottage, than in a Central House – Now this resolution, which I have taken, brings upon me an immediate difficulty, as to which I wish to consult with you – & indeed to receive your assistance – if it may so be.

In a house, such as I have resolved to tenant for the future, I could not make room for my Cabinets & Herbarium, & these therefore I desire to sell at once, that I may be ready to give up my House in Up. Bedford Place at Christmas if I am so fortunate as to let it, in the meantime – Now, I do not, of course, expect to get the value of my Herbarium, nor any thing like it, for it is valuable for the excellence of the Specimens & the care with which I have selected them from very many thousands, which have passed thro' my hands – And now, as to the extent of the Collection – it is almost complete as to the Northern & Middle States, very rich in Southern & Western Specimens including many of the recent discoveries in California & North Mexico – The Specimens are cemented (not glued) by my own hands, on between 12 & 13,000 Sheets of White Paper – enclosed in Brown Generic wrappers – I should suppose that there are, upon an Average, at least 5 Specimens (from Different localities) on each sheet which would give a total of 60,000 which, indeed, I believe to be under the mark – Of the number of actual species I have no idea, but the collection would be most valuable for the geographical range of U. S. Plants, as I have been very particular in that respect – & it would also be valuable as undoubted authority for the Plants in Torrey & Gray's Works –

dear Mrs Gray may long be spared to each other – Beg my very affectionate regards to her. I fear our good Booth is breaking certainly both I & my dearest wife thought him looking very feeble of late. His aged mother still survives, but that is all. He has been aiding me at to the best means of disposing of my Herbarium, as I shall no longer, according to my present plans, have room for my Cabinets – You will see a Notice of it in Hooker's Journ. Bot, which Dear Booth, recommended. I pray you to tell dear Torrey of my deep misery, for I can write no more – Give him also & the dear girls, my sincere love. I rejoice to hear that Lane is about to be married – & wish nothing more or better for her than the same measure of happiness that I have enjoyed for the past 3½ yrs – Goodbye ever yr

8, Upper Bedford Place,
20 Novem.r 1856.

My Dear Gray,

I had hoped to have addressed you under very different circumstances to thank you for your manuel & kind letter (thro' [illegible]) which both reached me safely –

But – Alas! in what words shall I tell you the story of my present woe – of the bitter agony of my heart! Ten days ago – almost without warning – I lost my dearly-beloved, & most tender wife! She was to me not merely a joy – but had become the necessity of my existence. Her bright sunny heart, was a perpetual well-spring of new life, & I felt growing [illegible]

rather than old, in the enjoyment of my exquisite happiness - But she is gone, & the world to me has become dark indeed! I know not, in the desolation of my spirit, what to resolve for the future or to do for the present - I have one ray of comfort only - My sisters in-law promise me that they will to the extent of their power, be mothers to my bereaved infants (the eldest under 2 yrs. of age) & I have therefore concluded to quit as soon as may be my present most comfortable home where for 3 yrs. & more, I have been (oh! Law) happy! & to remove to Blackheath - a hamlet 6 miles from London, where two of my sisters in law reside, & where I purpose hiding my head in the smallest Cottage I can find. Life has lost all its Charm for me, & I now look only to how I may best promote the interest of my two sweet babes - for such in truth they are - My dearest wife was well over her confinement, & we were rejoicing in our great, very great happiness, when she was seized with what appeared to be a very slight fever, which continued off & on for about a week, when without really an alarm of danger, she sank under a very prostration! I feel that so very sudden a reverse has but rarely overtaken any man - To judge of my present desolation, you must have known my previous happiness! I am again an outcast from my fellow-men! unutterably wretched! Dear Booth, who well knew my sainted wife, can & perhaps will, tell you what I have lost - But no more - I pray God to grant that you &

Warnford Court
Thursday afternoon
Dec 18. 56

My dear Booth,

I learn from my servants that two gentlemen (I suppose Brown & Bennett) have inspected my Cabinets. Have you heard what is their opinion of the Collection? If Mr. Brown does not think it worth purchasing by the Brit. Mus^m, do you suppose that they would allow it to stand there until I met with a purchaser - if I ever do so?

This might be some convenience to me, if I let my house, for really I know not how else to dispose of my Cabinets — I know you will excuse my troubling you further in this matter, my dear old friend, as I have none else able & willing to assist me — My dear little ones are both well, thank God — & myself am middling —

My kindest regards to Mrs Booth —

Yr always affect.

& much obliged

Mr. Gray, I send you note to Mr Carey, which I wish you will take & give him, with your own note, Brown's note, & your own — for the Market — the price is $2,000 5/2 cash. — I have not seen Mr Parker — I write to Mr Carey & tell him to take up the Cabinets & bring them to me — Yours S. L.

Aug 19.

I have very kind letters to day from dear Torrey & two of the girls —

Yrs affy

8 Wamford Court —

Tuesdy Afternoon
Dec. 23. 1856.

Your letter, my dear old friend, has just reached me, & I am sure you will never think me indifferent to your great kindness — And now as to its Contents — The offer of £100 or £500 is equally incompatible with the cost & labour of collecting & mounting such an Herbarium as mine, but that is no element of my present calculation, which must be based upon the altered & miserable position in which I find myself, & which compels me to dispose of it at all.

I do not doubt that there are nearly 50 m. specimens in, even assuming Mr Brown's Calculation of 4000 Species — which would give

on a liberal allowance, no more than 10 m. Spec.ns – there are in fine duplicates, from very varied localities, about 4 times that number of specimens of which no account is made! nor any thing allowed for 25 reams of fine white paper, without counting the 2 lift wrappers! However, as I have said, I cannot help myself & if better may not be done perhaps it will be well to let the Brit. Mus.m have the Coll.n at Brown's offer, subject however to its removal when required by themselves at their expense – If I send it to Burlington House, it will cost me something considerable in the removal, besides the personal, & very painful superintendance which I must give to the matter – I confess I had rather give it to the Brit. Mus. than sell it for £100 but even this will be of use to my poor babes when I am gone, & I must lose sight of the mortification of accepting little more than the value of the paper for the labour of many years! Perhaps Brown would give me the bare cost of the 2 Cabinets (£50) as they are beautifully made & fitted – If you think it best to consult Bell before concluding with Brown – in the hope of his suggesting some better way of disposing of the Herbm, please to do so – but, if not, I suppose for the reasons I have stated, I had better agree to Brown's terms, if better may not be – My kind regards to Mrs Boott –

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Prof. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts.
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I wonder if any one could be found who would effect a sale of it, for a Commission. What do you think of such a Plan?

May GOD bless you, my dear Booth, & reward you, now & hereafter, for all your goodness to me. My most affect. remembrances to dear Mrs. Booth. Believe me always & truly yrs. Jno Lowe

Dr. Booth

8, Warnford Court, London,

Wednes. 17th Mar. 1858.

Many thanks, my dear Booth, for your very kind note, which I have just received — and your valued present has also just reached me, but lies on my desk unopened — as I delay the examination of it until I get to Blackheath. It is, as you say — most true that I take no interest in Botany, but it would be equally correct to say, nor in anything else whatever! I pursue my business as a mere drudge, & when the labour of the day is concluded, I doll, or doze or fret away the Evening, as I best may — going no where, & seeing none except when I cannot avoid doing so, at Mr. Simon's house, where I am still a sojourner —

But, if I take no interest in Carices, I do take an interest (a lively & grateful one) in reflecting upon the unwearying kindness with which we have conferred together respecting them, for so many years & of which the volume before me is a

last crowning act - I earnestly thank you, for it, my dear friend; without reference to its great intrinsic value, it would be an object of abiding interest to me as the work of your hand - I beg you to believe that much, for it is very true.

I grieve to hear that you have been unwell, & also to learn that there has been cause for anxiety as to your American property - I rejoice that it is safe, however, though it is annoying enough to lose all income from it, for the time being - In my case, I lost very much of the Capital also in 1837 -

My darlings are doing well, thank God, but the eldest, Annette, has had a succession of Colds during the past winter - The baby bids fair to be a robust Boy, I hope, & gets on nicely - These dear babes have a tender mother in their excellent & affectionate Aunt -

I have heard nothing, whatever, from our old friends in America, but the fault is altogether my own, as it must be confessed that I never write to them - Indeed, why should I, since I could tell them nothing which they would take any pleasure in hearing -

My health, throughout the winter, has been very indifferent - Constant Cold & cough - & I am, at the moment, very unwell, & miserable - but with this I will not trouble you - The distress of the two last years seems to have completely broken me down, & I expect you will see me much changed, when I am able to call upon you - which I hope to do when the weather gets warmer (if it ever should -)

Do advise me about my Herbarium What must I do with it ? The thought of it sometimes worries me, for I really know not how to steer in the way of disposing of it - Also will you, when you happen to see him, ~~[illegible]~~ ask the gentleman who has the charge of it (and the keys) to write me a few lines saying that the Univ^y has no claim upon it, & that I may remove it, when I see fit - This as a mere Mem^m in case of death, would seem to be proper -

8, Warnford Court, London,
E.C.

29th. August 1861.

My dear old friend, It is long, very long, since I wrote to you, but often, indeed, do I think of you, & dear Mrs Gray, with feelings as affectionate as you, yourself, could desire – The plain, simple, fact is this – I am quite out of the world, excepting so far as my daily duties are concerned – & that you may judge how literally this is true, I will tell you that I have not made a single visit, not even to a member of my late dear wife's numerous family, since I lost her – nearly 5 years ago! I have not even seen our dear Batt, who was my close neighbour, when I had a happy home – for the simple reason that I could not pluck up heart to call upon him – Last week, however, I did so, for the first time – but found that he was at Harrogate, & learnt, to my great sorrow, that he left London very poorly – I wrote to him, immediately, & have his reply this morning, from which I extract, as follows,

"I am as you say of yourself, "So, So" – my digestion is sadly enfeebled – & for months my head has been so out of order, that I have not been able to use it. I came here merely to keep my old friend Sir Wm Hooker company, but have stayed to enjoy the fresh air. He left us a fortnight ago, quite restored. I have not tried the waters. & shall be in town in about 10 days" – He also sent me your "scolding letter" of 10 Sept. for perusal, & which is now before me –

It is this letter then, my dear Gray, tho' I have no intention of offering a remark upon it, which has induced me to write to you, only that I might have the pleasure of assuring you that my deep & earnest sympathy is with you all – my first

and last desire for the happiness of the land, where I resided for so many years of my life, & where, amongst many cherished recollections I call to mind our friendly intercourse extending over much of the period —

I have said that I never visit, & you will therefore at once understand that I am but poor authority for what is called "public opinion" but I do hear very much said as to American affairs, by the hundreds who daily frequent our Exchange — Bank &c. (exactly analogous to what you would call "Wall-Street-folks") Amongst this (my) class therefore, I have no hesitation in saying that there was a general feeling of regret at the breaking out of your unhappy war — & I believe that such was very much the temper of the whole Country — If there is now a more indifferent feeling as to the struggle in which you are engaged, I think it is attributable — first — to the Slavery question — you know (tho' perhaps not to the extent to which it exists) the absolute abhorrence with which Slavery, in any form, is viewed by our people — & the very first thought, in the minds of all — was that this accursed institution would be at once destroyed — This illusion was at soon dispelled by the Messages of the President, & speeches in Congress &c. and all are now convinced that it is not a war waged for the cause of humanity, & emancipation of the Slave, but merely for political supremacy, for which, as between the North & the South, our people care nothing whatever — I do firmly believe that had it been otherwise, England would have regarded it as a Holy War — & the heartfelt sympathy (& purse, if needful) of the nation, would have been yours — whatever our rulers might say or intend — Instead of this, however, one of the Northern Generals speaks of fugitive negroes as "articles contraband of war" — & the President constantly recognizes the rights of their masters — not being Rebels. Indeed, it is fully believed here, that if the Northern forces should be successful, their first acts of magnanimity towards the conciliation of their vanquished foe, would be the passage of fugitive Slave laws — & what not, whereby the fetter of the Slave might be more securely rivetted — Thus the affectionate sympathies of our people, disappointed in their first (perhaps unreasonable) expectations, are not with you in your struggle, but I believe they are merely passive, without any adverse feeling —

Then came the politicians — who dislike the North's tariff, of course & tell us that since no principle, for which our people care, is involved in the struggle — the good wishes of the nation should be with the South, as our best customers; & growers of Cotton &c. &c. To this they add the foolish vapouring & bravado of some of your papers, as to the "taking Canada &c" —

Lastly, came the manufacturing interest — very powerful with us, as with you, & these look only at the question commercially, & their conclusions ally them with the politicians —

Neither of these classes could or would have been heard, had not the great heart of the nation been chilled in their hopes as to the abolition of Slavery — Just as in the case of Europe, at the present moment. The politicians say that it is for the interest of England that Austria should be united & strong &c, but the warm sympathies of her people are with Italy & Hungary, & no minister would dare to ignore the fact —

Thus then, my dear Gray, I have endeavoured to set before you what I believe is in the main, the present feeling of this Country, as to your fearful strife. Our people are not indifferent as to the great calamity of the war — but, they look on — feeling that they are only commercially interested in the result; & with little preference as to the combatants —

For myself, I say nothing — I quite understand the position taken by the President — & so long as he requires from the South, that allegiance which under the Constitution they are bound to give to the Union, it is quite clear that he must extend to them the rights & privileges to which they are, on their side, equally entitled — I see the difficulties of the position — & grieve that Slavery should be — as it certainly is — recognized by the Constitution of the U. S. — I should earnestly desire that one result of this struggle should be the real freedom & inviolability of the Northern Soil, but this can never be, I fear — whether the States are divided, or re-united — In the first case, I should anticipate perpetual border-warfare, in the efforts of the Slave-holders to recapture their runa-ways — & the re-union would, I suppose, leave the Slavery question much as it stands — However it may be settled — if settled it can be — I earnestly hope that the happiness & prosperity of the entire land (without further compromising the unhappy African Race) will be the final result —

I have written thus much, because the subject is of deep & anxious interest — not because my remarks can give you any new views on the matter.

And now, my dear friend, of other & more pleasing topics - First of my two little darlings - The elder - Annette - (7 yrs. old in Decr.) is a sweet, lively little brunette with eyes very nearly black. The second - Herbert - will be 5 yrs. old, next month - he is very fair, with curly hair & grey eyes - a gentle, timid child, but also very lively - Their development both mental & bodily are all that even I could desire, over-anxious as I am - They are under the loving & most watchful care of an elder sister of my poor wife - I have never known the want of a mother's love - To secure this inestimable benefit for them - I have continued a resident with my father-in-law & partner, at Blackheath, about 6 miles from town - You will quite understand that I have not the comforts which a home of my own would suppose, but I am treated with much kindness, & have many reasons for thankfulness - My health & strength are not what they were - but it is my spirits more especially, that have given way - At times, I feel as tho' I knew not how to go on with my business - but generally speaking, I continue to rub on, from day to day -

Of Botany I can say nothing - nor have I seen my poor Cabinets since the breaking-up of my happy home, nearly 5 years ago! until last week - when I saw them, covered with dust at the University College, where dear Booth has given them house-room - When I looked at them, & remembered the anxious care & labour of years which I devoted to them, I could not help feeling that it was a forcible comment on the vanity of human life & its pursuits!

I see Dr. Prior (late Alexander) now & then, as he calls at my Counting House, tho I never visit him - He always speaks kindly of you & dear Torrey - I trust our dear old friend & the dear girls are all well - give my kindest & most affec.e regards to them when you see or write to them -

One word, only, in addition - Say to your dear wife, that I remember her & her great kindness to me with unvarying pleasure - & I pray God to bless & preserve you both, thro' this anxious & exciting crisis of your land -

Always, my dear Gray, Yr affe. Gacey

I have written this letter at my Co. House, in haste, & amidst interruptions, but as I have not time to read it over - you must supply deficiencies

Blackheath – 26 Nov.r 1868.

My dear Gray –

Last night, only, I received a letter from my Son, who did not reach Menton, until the Evening of the 18th with his family – He has arranged to take the "Villa Faraldo" for the Season – but had not taken possession, as Servants were not engaged – I hope you will find him installé, on your arrival; but lest it should not be so – I have just requested him to leave his address – ad interim – (Douane Hôtel) for you, at the Post-Office – I am sure he would be glad to see you, & hope that nothing will prevent your meeting –

You, & dear Mrs Gray, will be sorry to learn that I have been a very poor Creature, since you left England – My Cough & bronchitic symptoms have not increased – but, rather much anxiety to the Government during the coming Winter –

I have not yet written to dear Lorey, tho' it is my fixed purpose to do so – & I will send him the Photographs – a propos of which, if you & dear Mrs Gray – (to whom much love) should have yours taken in Italy – do not forget me – I have not got Mrs Gray's at all!

Dear Emma, sitting by me, charges me with her very kind remembrance to you both – My Annie & I are reading, together, "Daw Plants Grow", & I observe, with great pleasure, that she takes great interest in it – It is admirably written, & well adapted to its purpose of primary instruction – May the blessing of God be with you both, & may your Journey be prov active alike, of pleasure & improved health –

Yr. affect. E.

the reverse – but the bad condition of my heart & consequent circulation, give me much trouble – My extremities are constantly cold, but what is yet more distressing to me, I have continual pains & noises in my head; caused, as my Doctor says, by a congested state of the small blood-vessels – Of course, I am very feeble; & as I am not allowed to go out, I have to amuse myself, within doors, as best I may – The weather is – as usual, with us, in November – cold & foggy – with occasional frosts – of more or less severity – Upon the whole, the season is fine, thus far – How strange it seems, to read in my Son's letter, of the lovely Orange gardens!! & the Sun-shine so vivid, as to require exclusion by curtains, in-doors – & the use of umbrellas when out! I trust that you, & dear Mrs Gray will enjoy this bright weather – if not in Italy – in your remoter Egyptian tour.

I have nothing, whatever, of interest, to write to you; being, as I have said, a prisoner, and without somewhat was before – I have, however, so many, so very many mercies vouchsafed to me, that I have not the remotest cause – or even excuse – for complaint.

I may mention, if you follow our politics – which, I, myself, do not – that the newspapers say, that the result of the Elections, just concluded, give Gladstone about 115 @ 120 majority – The disendowment of the Irish Church, is therefore, I suppose, settled – & no doubt, a change of ministry is imminent. Having seen the practical working of the two systems, I believe it to be, on the whole, for the interest of real Religion that there should be no "Church Establishment" – However, as so very many better men than I pretend to be, think otherwise, it is well to hold, (& still more to express) an opinion very humbly on so important a question – I imagine that the distress – widely spread – amongst our poor, will also give

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Nov

Blackheath –

Saturday Aft'no.

My dear Gray –

I was so very uncomfortable when I got home, last Evening, that our Medicus has laid an Embargo upon me, until Tuesday Morning –

Before I left the City, I had a Conversation with the Principal Director of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank, who assured me that he did not know whether French or English Gold was most current on the Nile – but strongly recommended that you should take Credits from their Bank, on Alexandria! This reminds me of the "Moral" to the old fable of "Nothing like leather" – which

I think, runs thus—
"Most men will be true to their own private ends—
Do false to their Country—religion & friends"—

I desired our Book-keeper to see if he could obtain any reliable information, on the subject, & shall keep this open, for his reply—

Your Books have given great pleasure—I read the two first parts of your Darwin review last night—with great satisfaction & I doubt not but that the 3rd deals well & wisely with the Reviewers—I purpose reading it to-night, if I feel well enough to enjoy it—

It is a disappointment to me, that I cannot reach Keo to bid farewell to dear Mrs Gray—& to renew my acquaintance with her respected family—I hardly know—in my present circumstances—whether I ought to expect to see you, next Spring—as the Winter, with its usual severities, must intervene—but I may, at least, be permitted to hope that such may be the case—In the meantime however, & whatever may be the will of God, as to my immediate future—I beg you to present to dear Mrs Gray—& accept for yourself, the assurance of my most affectionate regards—and earnest good wishes, for your safety & happiness during your impending journey—I shall address a line to you "Poste restante Mentona"—so soon as I have learnt my son's residence—& I shall also request him to leave his address for you, at the P. O.

May God bless you, both—

H.

We all find your photographs very satisfactory!

very negligent correspondent,
I trust that, if my life be spared,
I may do somewhat better
hereafter, & the rather, since
I am now relieved from the
labour & anxieties of business,
which, formerly, weighed very
heavily upon me, at times –
With love to you dear
(busy!) man, & kind regards
to Dr Hooker, I am,
My dear Mr Gray
Always, & affectly yours
Geo Carey

Mr Gray –

1869

Blackheath
Saty Mornl

My dear Mrs. Gray –

Thanks – for your kind
letter, by which I perceive
that your days – almost
hours – are all filled up,
which I can well enough
understand –

I have not crossed our
threshold for more than a
week, but, should the wea-
ther be at all tolerable,
I will endeavour to see

you at the Nat. Gallery, on Wednesday, as you propose. You mention no time, but I suppose, about 1 o'Clock will find you there —

If, contrary to present appearances, Monday should be a fine & mild day, I may perhaps be induced to avail myself of it, by endeavouring to meet you at the Brit. Museum, at about the same hour — Unfortunately, I must be influenced by weather, & the consequent irritability (more or less) of my breathing apparatus — I trust that one of the two days may be propitious —

I had not heard of the birth of Dear Forrey's grandchild — I earnestly hope that it may add something to his happiness, no less than to that of the Dear girls — give my congratulations & kindest regards to them when you return —

Certainly, my Dear Mr. Gray, nothing could be further from my wish or thought than to "drop you quite" — tho "out of sight," you will neither of you be "out of mind" — & altho I have heretofore been a bad — indeed

Blackheath, 8 July 1871.

My Dear Mrs. Gray,

Your most kind & affectionate letter would not have been so long (much too long) unacknowledged, had it not reached me at a time of great distress & trouble. I received it at Winchester, where I spent nearly two months, with my dear good old nurse, in constant & anxious attendance upon our dear Hesie, who was confined to the College infirmary, with Scarlatina of the most malignant type! For upwards of 4 weeks he lay hovering, as it were, between life & death, & for part of the time insensible & delirious. The physicians in attendance upon him, gave but feeble hopes of him — even for weeks they hesitated — & my best bulletins, 2 or 3 times a day, were confined to "not worse". However, it has pleased our merciful Father to restore the dear boy, to a large measure of health & he is now again at College, after 4 weeks at the sea-side. He is still deaf more or less, & I am taught to believe that this infirmity may last for a long time —

but, I trust there is no organic injury to the Ears; tho during his illness he was entirely deaf, for some time - Just before he quitted the infirmary, the Senior of two (trained) hospital Nurses, in charge of him, said that during her long experience of Scarlet fever, she never knew so bad a Case, to recover - Of 19 that were attacked, poor Herbie was the worst, excepting the Son of the Bp. of Salisbury, (Dr. Moberly) who died on the 4th day after his seizure! This was, happily, the only fatal Case, at Winchester - which is thought by the Doctors very remarkable, in so large a number of patients - Dear Herbie is in good spirits, but still feeble, & not allowed to take part in any violent exercise - Cricket &c. The autumn vacation of 7 weeks, commences on 2 August, when, I suppose, I shall again take him to the sea-side; where, I trust, by God's blessing, he may be entirely restored - hearing (I mean perfect & acute) excepted - This protracted, & extreme anxiety was a great strain on my nervous system, from which I am still suffering - & to this, a further grief & trial has been super-added - On the 8th of last October, at Meran, in the Tyrol - my poor John lost, by typhus, one of his two daughters, a most promising child, of the age of 10 years - by which unexpected blow, he, & more especially his wife, were completely prostrate, & he, at once, determined to spend the winter (his last in Europe) in England. I procured for them a very pretty Cottage, at Bonchurch, in the I. of Wight - but poor John's illness & her physical & mental depression increased rather than otherwise, & two months ago they came up to London - where my souls health, I trust, rather improved - On the 21 June (my 74th. birth-day!) I bade them all farewell, with the assured - moral - certainty that I shall see them no more, in this world! On the 24th they left Lpool. in the "Scotia" - & I see by the telegram, in the paper, that she arrived at New York, on the night of the 4th Inst. - The passage was, necessarily, a very bitter one, under the circumstances - Their eldest girl is 18½ yrs. old - & the two boys of the ages of 14 & 6 respectively. I think you will be pleased with them all if you meet them, which I hope you & my dear Doctor will do - My dear Annette, is, & has been quite well - God be praised - & I think improves both physically & mentally - My poor Herbie was first "man", of his year, at College; but, of course, his absence of 3 or 4 months will have thrown him back. Of this - however - I think, comparatively, little - if indeed, I ought - since the dear boy is spared to me almost as one raised from the dead! - I am grieved to hear of your poor brother William's bereavement, & beg you to offer him my sincere condolence, in his affliction - It was a great comfort that you arrived at home in time to be - even 3 weeks - with your suffering Sister - The possession of so good, and efficient a daughter is a great blessing for poor William - & as you remark, the young folks do grow up very fast - & it seems odd enough to me to receive a wedding card from another "Pat Jackson"

10 - Paragon - Blackheath
S.E.
11th Decr. 1872.

My Dear Fray,

I see by my Mem.a that I wrote to your dear, good wife, in July 1871! Since which I have heard nothing of your news. I only mention this as a fact, & certainly not as matter of complaint, for I know how busy you both are, & in the matter of regular Correspondence, even with loved & cherished friends, I am very conscious that I have not "clean hands" - However, the late disastrous Conflagration, brought you often to my mind, tho I must confess to a sort of selfish consolation in the reflection that you would not, personally, be sharers in the widely spread loss & desolation - Only last night, I read in a paper, that the hope to which I have clung, is quite

saw him - & Mr. Simon, the feeble is still about, & even active - 85 years, being considered - My Dear Herbie is well, & getting on satisfactorily at College - He is now a "Junior Sixth" - & life being spared, will probably be a Prefect next year - By the way - if you read the English papers, you will have seen the absurd exaggerations - not to say false - lands, on the subject of "Winchester Discipline" - For myself, I have felt no anxiety, being well convinced that a School which for upwards of 500 years! has produced - & continues to send out the first men in the land, cannot have any thing very objectionable in the management, or discipline - I have also a very high respect for the Head, and second Masters - both well known to me. There are some 20 others, of whom I know little, personally - In the present Cabinet (of 16 ministers) 6 or 7 are Wykehamists - including the late & present Lord Chancellors. My Dear Herbie is still deaf - more especially of one Ear, but he makes good progress, especially in the Paper examinations, with which his infirmity does not interfere -

delusive, & that you are, in fact, direct sufferers, by this afflictive visitation - I see it stated that your University loses £40 m. & that this involves a diminution of £8 m. p.ann. in the sum appropriated to the Salaries of the Professors! I trust this may be an exaggeration, since it is manifest that the statement cannot be exactly correct, as the loss of Capital named, could by no means describe such an annual revenue - except at the exorbitant interest of 20 p.cent! I trust therefore, it may not be quite so bad, tho I confess I am anxious to learn that you are not subjected to any privations, trenching, materially, on your Comforts - Altogether, it is a most distressing calamity, & I find it hard to realize how the solid buildings of Boston, should have crumbled away like paper, in the very face, & in spite of the exertions of so energetic a population as the City contains - It is, I hope, needless to tell you that I sympathize sincerely with you - be your personal losses more or less - I fear that poor "Pat" William, & your other worthy relatives must all have suffered, in greater or less degree - I beg my kind regards to such of them as may still remember me - To quit the painful subject, which is the more immediate occasion of my letter, you will like to hear a word of my ménage. We are, thank God, all well, tho I, of course, am feeling more conscious of the infirmities of my advanced age - Still - I have great cause for thankfulness, that - senility, notwithstanding - I am in reasonable good health, & totillable to walk about without inconvenience indeed (sub modo) with much comfort - My Annette is sitting by me, at her piano & begs kind regards to you, & love to dear Mrs. Gray - in which good wishes my sister, Emma, cordially unites - Mr. Simon tho within 3 months of his 91st year! is not only spared to us, but is, at times, all but vigorous - tho materially aged since you

whether you have met, of late — When he last wrote — 3 weeks since — the family were leaving Newport, for their town house, in New York. — I passed the month of August & September (Herbie's vacation) at a small — very small, village on the Sea-Coast of Norfolk — but the weather was, upon the whole, cold & unpropitious, very different from what you said, in America, judging from Do his account.

Our winter sets in, exceptionally wet. but tho I do not like this, it suits me, personally, better than frost, which tries me greatly — I garden, a little, in the Summer, but keep pretty close to the house, in cold weather — I know not whether we shall agree in rejoicing at German Unity & success — For my own part, I think it for the happiness of the whole world, that some of the talons of the French Eagle should have been drawn out, & the remainder pared down (to the point of safety as I hope) whilst, on the other hand, I do not look upon the Germans as an aggressive people.

My kindest love is with your dear wife, & I pray, heartily, for many years of continuing — & if it may so be — of increasing happiness to you both — This is the Christmas greeting of your affectionate Harry

I have not heard from Kate for more than a year — not since her return home.

You will have sympathized with Hooker in his late disgraceful persecution by the first Commissr. of the board of Works, who is certainly no favourite with the public - I happen to know him, personally, as he was one of our Clients when I was a Broker - but, I have not seen him since his elevation - Indeed, I rarely go into the City - I might say never, except on business - once in about 6 or 8 weeks. I am very thankful to be relieved from the anxieties of business occupation, for which I am no longer fitted -

I pray you to give my kindest regards to the Dear Sweys, & let me hear about them, when you write - I hear, monthly, from my (American) family, & am thankful to say that the last accounts were very good, tho John does not seem to have entirely recovered his strength - His wife, I say, was never better - & the Dear Children all well - He has not told me whether you were in Newport, during the past Summer - so I know not

the dear Doctor's death. Also, let me know about your dear Selves, & if — & when — you resign your Professorship? with your future address, in such Case? I do not like to send so shabby a letter, to so valued a friend, & at so great a distance — but my Doctor has just called, & under his orders, I give up writing — & I pray GOD to bless & preserve you both, for many happy years to come —. Believe that I am — with very loving recollections —

Yours affectly.

Jno Carey

Blackheath, 24 Decemr. 1873.

My dear Gray —

At this time of the year, our thoughts revert, naturally, to those dear to us — & in that number I may assuredly include both yourself, & your dear Wife — I feel as though I should like to see your kind faces, once again — altho that, in all human probability — will never be granted to me. Since, therefore, it is clearly out of my power to pay you a visit — I enclose, as my Substitute, two old gentlemen, who are said to resemble me closely, & though differing materially, in size — they are both considered to be — "quite of my sort" — I charge these old gentlemen to express to you, & Mrs Gray, my fervent & earnest good wishes, &

very kind love, for the dawning year! I trust that they will acquit themselves of my message, to the utmost of their power - tho their appearance I know will be stiff - which is not in accordance with the writer's heart towards you - & for whose sake - I know you will accord them a frank welcome - But leaving all nonsense, I must now tell you, my dear friend, that I cannot write you so long a letter as I should desire - for I am suffering from palpitations of the heart, & other rather disheartening effects of its feeble action - Even writing this letter - tho very pleasurable to me - causes me some uneasiness - I believe that my symptoms are considered as grave - tho the Doctors tell me that I may look forward to some amendment of my present condition - Still - at 76½ years, one can only say, with good Isaac Watts,

"Strange that a Harp of thousand strings,
Should keep in tune so long" -

Poor Agassiz has been called away, at a very much earlier period of his life. He is a great loss to Science, & I suppose that the School, he was engaged in founding will also suffer - It is thought, here, that over-exertion of mind & body hastened his decease - Was that so? I hope that your relations, with him, became more cordial - after the disruption of your old intimacy - By the way, have you an autograph letter of his to spare? It is for my girl - as I cannot find one, amongst my papers, tho I thought I had one - When you or your dear wife, write to me, please tell me of the Forey girls - Are they provided for? or are they able to make their own way, in the world? I would have sent them my "Carte de visite" - but I have not their address - tho I wrote to them since

when I had the happiness of seeing you at the desk — On the other hand, your work though far heavier in amount — will be vastly lightened by your greatly increased knowledge & experience — Still, tho I trust that, in the great mercy of God, your health & vigour may be spared until you have accomplished this great work — I nevertheless, feel that it is an appalling effort — even for you — When I think of the Indexes, hitherto untouched, so far as I know, & the Lyfas and Gramineae, it seems like the labour of a life! Even the revision of what was formerly published, in dear Torrey's life-time, is a formidable undertaking involving, as it does, so much new matter — I wish you could get some adequate help-mate. Another Asa Gray in energy — zeal & knowledge! It would not be easy, but you may have some one in view — as a lieutenant, & I earnestly hope so, for I dread the inevitable labour of such a work, both for mind & body — Altho I cannot expect to see it, yet I rejoice in the thought that you should add such a top-stone to the edifice of your hard-earned, well-deserved scientific renown — I trust, too, that dear Mrs G may be spared to share in the joy & honour of your success — which, life & health permitting, I anticipate, with full confidence — I would enquire about the Torrey girls, but from what I last heard — I fear you do not often see or hear from them — I trust their means are sufficient for comfort as they, too, are advancing in years, & consequent requirements. I know that you have resigned your Prof's Chair, but am not sure whether you have also quitted Cambridge, but I shall address my letter there, as your whereabouts will be well known to the authorities there. By the bye, one of my John's sons is studying at Harvard — That God may abundantly bless & prosper you both is the earnest desire & prayer of your loving Joe Carlyle

PS. My dear girl writes her love to you & book bottle which she has just charged me to remove until at home, for any boy w they too would seem greatly

Worthing, 20 July 1878.

My dear, & valued old friends — for such you are in my recollection — though it is unlikely that we shall ever meet again, in this world — I am desirous that you should know that you are not forgotten — but remembered with all love & kindness. I write to you, jointly, as I should not know which to select, in view of the probability that I shall never address either of you, again — When I wrote last — a long time since — I was very feeble & ailing, but, on the 17 February 1877, I was seized with paralysis! The attack was sudden, & altogether unexpected, as I was in the parlour, & preparing for breakfast, at the usual hour of 8 o'clk. Happily, it was of a slight character, that is to say, not affecting any vital parts, & I recovered my speech in two or three days, but was confined to my bed for 8 or 10 — & to my chamber & yards before I had the use of my limbs with ease — & even now — when 18 months have elapsed — I have not entire freedom of motion — partly, no doubt, from extreme weakness — My digestive powers are also feeble, & in general, I am, altogether, a different man from what I was before my seizure — My recollection, in particular, has suffered much, & is, now, much impaired. No doubt my age (81 completed last month!) has something to do with this, tho it may be to a more sudden crisis by the attack — Still, & I bless God for it — My faculties remain to me in full exercise, so far as judgment is concerned — at least I think so & those about me confirm me in the opinion — My sight however, is somewhat dim, & my brain, at times, confused, & I am incapable of any continued train of thought or occupation.

For the rest, you will, at once observe, that I have no longer "the pen of a ready writer" – My powers of locomotion are very limited – but, with aid of a stick, I crawl about a little – more or less – daily varying much, in this respect – Thus, then, I have endeavoured to set myself before you, as I now am, as I believe that, however wearying, my account of my Condition will not be without interest for you – And now of the photograph enclosed – It was taken, last year, at Brighton, on the day of Herbert's majority – and in commemoration of it. The group is thought to be very successful – Dear Emma Simon, whom you may remember, stands in loco parentis to my two dear ones and is all that a Sister could possibly be to me – My own portrait is thought to be a perfect caricature – so you can see what I looked like, last year, at 80 years old! I do not think I could make so good an appearance, now – for I am much thinner, as well as more feeble – We are now, again, the same little party, as last year, at Worthing, on the Sussex Coast, about 10 miles from Brighton – We have been already about 3 weeks, & propose to remain about 5 weeks more, before returning to our Quarters, at Blackheath – this being the Oxford vacation – Herbie is with us, for 3 months – He is well in health, thank God, but remains deaf as the result of his terrible attack of Scarlatina, when at Winchester – He is – I hope, doing well, at Oxford – & 12 Month hence, I trust he will take a very respectable degree, with honours – What may be his future Career, I know not – as he does not speak on the subject. I may not hope to see him started – but I trust he may be a useful & respected member of Society – Meantime, I am thankful that I have been spared to see him a man of good principles, certainly a Scholar, & I trust a Gentleman in his feelings – My dear girl is, also, a great blessing to me – indeed, a loving, dear child of correct principle & manners, & mind, all that any father might desire – now in 3 1/2 yrs. old. Herbie takes pleasure in botanizing, & has a good knowledge of British plants – He also obtained, when at Winchester, a Certificate from the Oxford & Cambridge examiners for general Botany – but he has not time for much Physiological Study – To complete my Bulletin of the family I must mention our "Old folks at home" who still are shared to us, & possessed of surprising vitality – Mr. Simon entered his 97th year, last April! & Mrs. S. is 92 or thereabouts. They are, in truth, a remarkable Couple – 23d. July 1878. I began my letter 3 days ago – & hope to complete it this morning, but I write but little, at a time, & as you see, with very questionable pot-hooks – It was my intention to have called on Hooker before he set out, for your Shares, but he left a month sooner than his previous letter led me to expect. I have not seen him since his return, tho I wrote to congratulate him on his safe arrival – I should much like to spend an hour or two at Kew – now & then – but it is too far for me, even if I were equal to the excitement which is not the case – I fear Hooker is annoyed at the agitation which is being got up to open the gardens at earlier hours – If the public are successful, the Scientific Character of them will soon be lost sight of, I fear, as John Bull's next step will doubtless be to render them subservient to his recreations – Pie-nics – Cigars & Ale, with the debris of which the walks & shrubberies would soon be abundantly adorned – In fact, the public would fain make them a "tea-gardens" in which they could delight themselves – more so – & Nurse-maids & Children would have full swing – I trust, however, that even the "reformed" House of Commons are not yet sufficiently enlightened to enter upon this Career of improvement? Beer & tobacco, versus Botany & Science! This leads me to remark, that I recently noticed in the papers that you are about to continue the Flora – & to review, & add to the already published Volumes – What an Undertaking! My dear Gray! I almost tremble at the thought – with the idea of new Mexico & California in my mind, & the immense field which they have added to the former area – I know your hearty & see with pleasure that you take a leading part in American Science – but you are 25 years older than

when I may expect this. I would not like to think the time will never come, however remote it now appears. If I could only get a good fortune to tumble into my breeches pockets, all at once! How nice it would be!

I frequently see Dr. Hume, who always speaks with pleasure of his visit to you, & of your kindness to him. I do not think it altogether improbable that he may one day return to the U. S. as a permanent residence. When he first came back he talked of it very seriously, but of late I have not heard him speak of such a project. At present, he has some Government employment. Should he be again quite idle it is probable that his notion of emigrating to the U. S. may return.

We are here, in some excitement on the subject of the resignation of Lord Russell which some suppose will end in the disruption of the entire ministry. However I am as little of a politician as ever, & truth to say, I care nothing for the matter. Neither do I take a lively interest in the war, tho' I regret that so many gallant spirits should have lost their lives thro' the inefficiency of the management at home — if such be indeed the case. I beg my kindest & affect.e regards to Mrs. Gray, & hope that I am not quite out of her good books. Also to the dear Torreys, when you write. I am faithfully yrs

F. Lacey

8 Upper Bedford Place,
Russell Square, London.

My Dear Gray, — As it would be impossible to justify, or even adequately to excuse my long silence by any reasonings or explanations, I plead guilty to whatever you, & dear Mrs. Gray, may have said upon the subject, excepting always the possible accusation of having forgotten you — which I never have done, nor the many kindnesses which I have received at your hands. Indeed, my dear, good little wife has very often reproached me for neglecting to write to those whom she well knows that I remember as my valued & cherished friends. For many months past, I have, again & again, resolved to atone for my past faults of omission, but hitherto I had kept silence so long, that I felt almost awkward, if not ashamed to break it abruptly. And then, again, when I have gone to my Counting House saying to my wife, how I really will write to my friend Gray to-day, something has happened to prevent it. I lead a sort of horse-in-a-mill life, leaving my home at 10 o'clock & returning to dinner at 6 o'clk. In the Evening, I never write, & in the Morning am subject to all sorts of business

interruptions - However, I have now something to impart, of interest to all who have a regard for me - amongst whom I must still hope to number you & dear Mrs Gray - in spite of all my shortcomings. On the 3rd. Dec.r a dear little girl was born to me, who is exactly 7 weeks old, at this present writing - and, as my wife & my self are very pretty, & a very fine baby, which I, for my own part, am in no wise disposed to question - Certainly she is a very thriving child, & has not had an hour's sickness since her birth - We have baptized her Annette Simon, (her mother's maiden name) - I think I wrote you that in Decem.r/53, my dear wife was prematurely confined with a still-born boy, a great disappointment, at the time, but now happily forgotten - This being the great event of my family, I have little to add to it of a personal nature - though I do not grow younger, I suppose, yet I am stronger & better in health than when I left the U.S. or indeed than I have been for many years. Dings, smoky London agrees vastly well with me, & I have every reason to be thankful. My house - an extremely comfortable one - is in an ~~extremely~~ very airy part of London & is also very quiet - two great comforts, to me at least - We have 4 or 5 open squares in our immediate neighbourhood - & the Brit. Museum (to which I never go!) within a couple of streets of us - We are also very close to our good Booth but as he never dines out, & I very seldom, we make but poor neighbours - However, he did come to see my dear little baby, a fortnight since, & I recently overhauled his drawings of Cairices - By the way - he bid me ask you whether the package of Cairices which you recently sent to him (from California) are to be returned, or whether he is to keep them - Poor Stokes is dead - I used to meet him frequently, as he was a brother of my staff - a Stock-broker - but I have never seen Brown (now 83) since my return - neither have I been to Kew - nor even to the Lin. Soc.! You will judge from this that I am doing little in the way of botany, nevertheless, I have my Cabinets safely in my breakfast parlour, & I please myself with the thought that some time or another I shall amuse myself with their contents, tho', at present, I must confess, that I see small prospect of it - I have to thank you for the papers you have so kindly sent me - at present I certainly have only looked at them, but when my leisure for botany returns, I shall hope to study them with advantage - tho', as I have said, I know not

rec'd. Friday 19.

19 East Thirty Fourth St.
Madison Avenue.

My dear Doctor Gray,

I received yesterday a cable despatch announcing my dear father's death at Blackheath the day before — I have no details — On Wednesday received despatch: "Father seriously ill." — He would have completed his 83rd year next June — You are one of the very few in this country who will sympathize with me, from personal knowledge of all I have

lost. One's life is so bound up in a father's, that in losing him a part of ~~with~~ it seems to go with him – He was the only remaining tie to my earlier years – which now seem cut away. –

I knew he was willing to die, tho' loath to leave his younger children who were with him & to whom he was so dear – but we do not yet reconcile to such partings, tho' they are the experience of every day.

Very sincerely yours, dear Dr.

Edward Parry

Sunday 28 March 1880

Dr. A. Gray.

— Copy. —

Notice in N.Y. World, Sunday 28 March 1880.

A private cable despatch received by Mr John Carey of this city, announces the death yesterday ~~of his~~ morning of his father, Mr John Carey Senr., at his residence in Blackheath, London, in the eighty-third year of his age. Mr Carey, from 1830, when he first came to this city from England to successfully engage in mercantile pursuits, until 1852, when he returned to London, was one of our best-known metropolitan residents. He was the father of the Rev. Arthur Carey, an eloquent young Episcopal Divine, whose adhesion to Puseyism while he was Rector of the church at the corner of Thompson & Prince Streets in 1842

excited great popular interest & discussion. Mr. Carey was a member of an old family of that name in Gloucestershire. Many of his old friends in this city will remember his fondness for natural history, and what a leading part he took in establishing & for a long time aiding to maintain in this city the Lyceum of Natural History, for which a building was erected some forty years ago on Broadway near Prince Street. His studies in natural history led to his publishing several monographs of his researches into specialties of that science. —

a labor of love & your long personal intimate knowledge of him renders you pre-eminently capable –

A short, & well-meaning, tho' incorrect & meager little article was printed in Sunday's "N.Y. World" – from whose pen I know not – I should very much like to supplement it by a few lines from you.

Had you heard that Rev. Simeon (my father's father-in-law) died last December – He was nearly 98! – The Blackheath home must now indeed be desolate –

It is a privilege to me to have one whom my dear father loved, to talk to about him!

With kindest regards & sincere thankfulness, I am dear Dr. Gray
Very truly yours
Dr Asa Gray. Mrs Harry K.

19 E. 34th St. N.Y.
30 March 1880.

My dear Dr Asa Gray,

Your letter has just reached me – Many thanks for its kindness & sympathy. I knew my dear father's death would be a blow to you, for I remembered your old friendship & had often heard him express his attachment to both you & Mrs Gray. –

To answer your questions: We all came to this country in June 1830, & after a few days in New York, journeyed to Towanda Penn. (not Wyoming, which lies on the opposite side of the Susquehanna) to join an old English friend – I must have heard my father

sketch of Mr. Geo. Wankey. —

There we remained about a year, & in the spring of 1831 moved to Bellows' Falls Vermont, where it was my fathers' plan at first to settle indefinitely, but he moved in 1836 to New York, to make a home for his boys whom he placed in Columbia College —

With the exception of a few months in Buffalo (after his sons had graduated & left College) he remained in N.Y. until 1852 when, having lost two his sons, & seen the other happily settled in life, he returned to England.

He soon married there the daughter of an old friend of his early life — & lost her after three years. — He passed the remaining years of his life at Blackheath, in Kent, devoting himself to his two young children to whose bringing up & education he paid careful personal attention.

He continued his botanical pursuits, in a measure, with his children, who inherited his taste, until his end.

Should you find it in your heart to write a short notice (20–30 lines) of my dear father — a little tribute to his admirable character & qualities — his wide general scholarship, culture, elegant taste & refinement, it would be very gratifying to us & to the younger children in England. To you, I know the task would be

You are giving us both great pleasure by this little tribute to our dear father's memory.

Very sincerely yours,
Edw. Carey Gr.

P.S. Will you write directly to the World, or to me? I should prefer the former if equal to you.

N Carey Gr

19 E. 34th St. N.Y.
1 April 1880.

My dear Dr. Gray,

Abundant thanks for your letter of yesterday telling me that my dear father's memory will call out from your pen a short notice in the Am. Journal of Science.

I send you a M.S. copy of the World notice, which you will observe, besides being very clumsily written, is full of error.

My brother Arthur was never Rector of the church named, but only the Assistant of the Rector Dr. Seabury (tho' this is of no moment in a notice of my father) — He was not

descended from a Worcestershire, but from the well-known Devonshire family of the same. — I am not aware that he was instrumental in establishing or maintaining the Lyceum of Nat. Hist'y. — nor do I know that he published any monographs, results of his botanical researches. — But you may. —

I am so glad of your interest & sympathy — because, unlike that of many kind friends here, it is based upon knowledge & appreciation of what has been removed from us — There are hardly half a dozen people still living here, who knew my dear father — nearly. All his old friends have passed away. — Of those who did know him (externally so to speak) few knew him as you & his children & a very few others did — His retiring nature only revealed itself to very few.

My kind regards to Mrs Gray, please; I have never had the pleasure of seeing her; but she will, I hope, recognize that my father's son may have a certain claim upon her friendship. — I trust opportunity may permit me to make it personal. — Mrs Carey reciprocates your kind greeting & remembers well, the sunny morning in Rentone when we met last.

Respect to Dr. Gray & to
you, Believe me,
Very Sincerely yours,
Annette S. Carey.

Carey 10 The Parsyn-
Blackheath.
1st April/80.

Dear Dr. Gray,

I am writing to you as one of my dear father's oldest & most valued friends, to tell you of his death, which occurred on Good Friday, the 26th March. He had been in weak health for some time past, but up to last Thursday morning he seemed to be quite as well as

mind. he was suddenly taken
ill at about 9 a.m. & died
on the following day at 5.30 p.m.
He was entirely free from any
suffering. You will be able
to understand in some measure
what his loss is to us, his
children, & to my aunt who
has filled a mother's place
to us for the last 20 years,
& whom we were intimate
both you & Mrs Gay were
kind to him in past years,

& we have often heard him
speak of the letters & affection
he felt for your father. He
has also often spoken to us
of Mr Gassen & of his family,
if any thing should happen to us
we leaving & within state
of you, will you kindly
communicate to them, as
from us, the news of my
father's death.
With kindest regards from
my aunt, my brother &

In Memoriam.

TO THE LOVED MEMORY OF

John Carey,

WHO DIED AT BLACKHEATH

ON GOOD FRIDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1880.

IN THE 83RD YEAR OF HIS AGE.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the LORD."
Rev. xiv, 13.

HE WAS INTERRED IN THE CHURCHYARD OF

S. MARGARET, LEE

ON WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK,

31ST MARCH, 1880.

"Until the Day dawn."—2 *S. Pet.* i, 19.

19 East 34th St. N.Y.
7 April 1888.

My dear Dr. Gray,

Since receipt of your postal card on 4th inst. saying you had sent the notice of my dear father to the World on 2nd I have been scanning its columns & its lines very closely — this morning I have had the pleasure to read it, and thank you very sincerely for so affectionate & appreciative a tribute to his memory. — though of course you do not want my thanks, you will not object to hear how much you have gratified my wife & myself. I shall send copies to Blackheath & to my daughter

in Paris. — Will you kindly ask the ~~Editor~~ Mr. Olivey of the "Am. Journal of Science" to forward me (to this address c.o.) half a dozen copies of the May number which will contain your obituary.

Do you ever come to N.Y.? If you ever do, & have time, will you come in & shake hands with me? I will do the same by you should I go to Boston. — With kindest regards to Mrs Gray & yourself, I am, dear Doctor Gray,

Yours very sincerely,

John Barey Sr.